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NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND ITALIAN TROOPS OUT OF ACTION

BRITISH ADVANCE TOWARDS TOBRUK: 'DROME CAPTURED

Commander Of Australian Troops Pays Tribute To Officers And Men

"Bit By Bit The Forces Of Italy Will Be Completely Overwhelmed"

LATEST NEWS OF THE BRITISH ADVANCE TOWARDS TOBRUK IS THAT THE ITALIAN AERODROME IN TOBRUK HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY BRITISH LAND TROOPS AND THAT FURTHER OPERATIONS ARE PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

An air communique says that the R.A.F. carried out further raids on Tobruk but full details of the damage could not be observed though it is known that two aerodromes inside were raided with success. One enemy fighter was shot down and another damaged.

The R.A.F. also reported that an aerodrome in Tobruk had been evacuated by the Italians.

HITLER BEING FORCED TO FIGHT A WAR ON TWO FRONTS—MR. BARTLETT

"Herr Hitler will now be forced to do what he has always wanted to avoid—he will have to fight a war on two fronts," said MR. VERNON BARTLETT, journalist and Member of Parliament, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the political significance of the events that have been taking place in Europe during the past week.

Mr. Bartlett said that the most important event of the week in Europe was the announcement that German air squadrons were going to the help of Italy.

AIR ASSISTANCE

"Those of you who listen to these talks regularly, will remember that I suggested about six weeks ago that Herr Hitler dare not allow Signor Mussolini to collapse, but that he could not give any direct help, except in the air," went on Mr. Bartlett. "Every other method that Herr Hitler has tried has failed. One was the at-

MR. P. C. SPENDER, Australian War Minister, has received a despatch from MAJ.-GENERAL MCKAY, commander of the Australian troops, in which he said, "This magnificent achievement has been accomplished with few casualties. The operations were a great tribute to the officers and men of the Australian Imperial forces and are an indication of more successes to come. Bit by bit the forces of Italy will be completely overwhelmed."

A special correspondent writing from LIBYA states that Italian prisoners have commented on the absence of assistance from the air and land for the garrison at Bardia.

A communique from SUDAN says that British patrols again inflicted casualties on the enemy. On the KENYA front there was no change.

A NAIROBI correspondent states that the famous Camel Corps has been reorganised and re-equipped with armoured cars instead of camels.

KNOCKING AT DOOR

In Libya, the British advance units are already knocking on the door of Tobruk, while the Australian forces are counting up the booty and the prisoners captured in Bardia. It was announced in London yesterday that British mechanised forces were already in contact with the outer defences at Tobruk.

General Sir Archibald Wavell has evidently decided not to give the Italians any rest and is pursuing his advantage for an assault on Tobruk.

The announcement that 30,000 Italian prisoners taken exceed the number of Australians who attacked the fortress is significant. The revelation came as first proof of the fighting qualities which the Australians showed in the last war.

Since Dec. 9, the British have taken 70,000 prisoners altogether and it is estimated that the British offensive has put 94,000 Italian troops out of action. Three regular divisions and 10,000 supply and corps troops are included in this total.

It is impossible to give any details on the great quantities of war material that have fallen into British hands.

FAIL ADMITTED

Two days after the fall of Bardia, the Italian High Command has just admitted the fall of the fortress.

The Australians have a big task in marshalling the thousands of prisoners and in counting up the equipment they have captured. It

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HAS HITLER CARRIED RUMOURS TOO FAR?: GERMANY IS GIVING IMPRESSION OF TAKING DECISIVE ACTION TO HELP ITALIANS SHORTLY

THE GERMANS ARE GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY ARE SHORTLY GOING TO TAKE DECISIVE ACTION TO HELP ITALY, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

While the propaganda aspect of this report is clear, it is considered in some quarters that Herr Hitler has carried these rumours so far that he may be forced to put them into action. The possibility of a move by the Germans in the West which may also involve France, has not been overlooked.

Reported German Ultimatum To Bulgaria

SMOKESCREEN OF RUMOUR

AXIS PRESTIGE HAS SUFFERED

LONDON, Jan. 7 (BWS)—There is no information in London of the reported German ultimatum to Bulgaria.

The Nazi propaganda machine has been busy recently spreading a smokescreen of rumour that there has inevitably been a discussion of preparations for new moves which may be proceeding behind it.

There is no doubt that the Axis prestige has suffered very badly in South-Eastern Europe in consequence of the severe reverses of the Italian forces.

It is a characteristic Nazi tactic to seek to make good its prestige.

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Reports from South-East Europe show that Turkey is not perturbed by these reports, though her troops on the frontier had been increased as a precaution.

The Turkish Prime Minister was applauded in the National Assembly when he emphasised that the Turkish army was going stronger every day and the far reaching nature of her commitments.

In Iraq, a warning has been uttered against any attempt to divert the nation against friendship with Britain and this view was endorsed at a cabinet meeting.

These reports show more confidence and unity among the people of the Balkans and the people of the Middle East against the Berlin campaign of blackmail in which actual troop movements and threats play an equal part.

BIG ITALIAN BUDGET

The Italian Cabinet yesterday passed a resolution solemnly affirming firm adherence to the Three-Power Pact and expressing confidence in the future of the Italian people, states a London message.

Another message from Rome stated that the Italian budget will be £500,000,000 but this does not include the money needed for carrying on the war.

Germany Is Irritated At Attitude Of Vichy

RECONSTRUCTION OF CABINET

ADM. LEAHY'S STATEMENT

Germany is showing signs of intense irritation at the attitude of the Vichy Government and is taking steps to include a German candidate in the Vichy Cabinet, states a London message.

The proposal to form a triumvirate, news of which leaked out from Vichy a few days ago, has apparently not met with German approval and drew the inspired

Since then the Germans have been complaining about a delay of the Vichy Government in coming to a decision regarding the relations with Germany and yesterday German reports stated that the discussion will conclude today, and that there will be a full reconstruction of the Vichy Government.

U.S. INTERESTED

Admiral Leahy, United States Ambassador to Vichy, issued his first statement after his arrival there. He said, "It will be made clear to the French Government that the United States is interested in the war situation including the Far East nor can any doubt remain in the French mind that the United States is aiding Britain to the limit of our possibilities."

Broadcasting House Twice Hit In Raids

BUT SERVICES CONTINUE

It was revealed in a London message yesterday that Broadcasting House, the B. B. C. headquarters in London has twice been hit during German air raids and seriously damaged.

In spite of this, the services of the B. B. C. to its home audience and to listeners all over the world have gone on without any interruptions.

On the first night, a bomb exploded during a talk to home listeners and to German listeners. Several members of the staff were killed on that occasion.

On the second night, heavy damage was done to the building, a policeman killed and some members of the staff injured. Both attacks were made at the peak of the B. B. C. evening broadcast.

ENEMY SHIP DAMAGED

Although bad weather kept the R. A. F. bombers at home on Monday, the Coastal Command's Blenheim aircraft attacked three enemy ships off the Norwegian coast and badly damaged one, according to a communique issued by the Air Ministry. Coastal Command aircraft also attacked enemy tankers off the Dutch coast and one direct hit on a tanker of 5,000 tons was scored.

There was no enemy air activity over Britain on Monday.

GERMAN CLAIMS

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Yesterday's German raid on Britain forms the subject of the German High Command communique which states that military objectives in South England and the Midlands were attacked from low levels.

The communique states that bombers on the ground were destroyed at one aerodrome. A chemical factory and a ball bearings factory were also stated to have been hit while a railway installation was attacked with cannon and bombs.

SINGLE PLANES

Single planes bombed London, says the communique, and seven barrage balloons were shot down. Long-range military guns fired on an enemy vessel approaching the French coast yesterday.

The communique also states British planes did not fly over German territory last night and one German plane has not returned to its base.

IN EAST ANGLIA

German planes were reported over various parts of Britain yesterday, states a London message. Some bombs were dropped. Three fell in East Anglia and caused some damage but there were no casualties.

Today's News Summary

IN THE BRITISH OFFENSIVE IN THE WESTERN DESERT a total of 94,000 Italian troops have been put out of action. The British are now advancing towards Tobruk and an aerodrome has been captured. The commander of the Australian forces has sent a despatch to the Australian War Minister in which he paid great tribute to the officers and men.

THE MOST RECENT MERCANTILE LOSSES DUE TO ENEMY ACTION reveal figures described in Naval circles as "cheering." The Germans have, however, returned with vigour to the usual practice of exaggeration. Enemy losses since the beginning of the war amount to over one-and-three-quarter million tons.

OF THE REPORTED GERMAN ULTIMATUM TO BULGARIA there is no information in London but it is pointed out that the Nazi propaganda machine has been busy recently spreading a smokescreen of rumour that there has evidently been discussion of preparations for new moves which may be proceeding behind it.

THERE IS INTENSE IRRITATION ON THE PART OF GERMANY to the attitude of the Vichy Government and latest reports indicate that Germany may demand that a German candidate be included in the Vichy Cabinet, which, when present discussions are concluded, will be reorganised.

A WARM WELCOME, BOTH IN BRITAIN AND AMERICA, is accorded to the message to Congress given by President Roosevelt, one newspaper in the United States describing it as a clarion call.

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IN AMERICA big headlines in the morning papers welcomed President Roosevelt's message as a clarion call and the beginning of an American crusade for freedom.

The NEW YORK DAILY NEWS declared that if Congress approves, it is the duty of the nation to back the President with enthusiasm and vigour.

The DETROIT FREE PRESS states: "The die is cast, we are at war without declaring war. That declaration will come whenever the United States or Germany feels it to be essential."

The CHICAGO DAILY NEWS describes the speech as a trumpet call to those who are still asleep. "But to those who are awake, it will bring new hope, new courage and new determination."

Some Americans seem to think that the President did not go far enough.

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Little Comment By Axis

SPEECH WAS WHAT JAPAN EXPECTED

There is little comment on the speech on the AXIS PART, states a London message.

The Official German News Agency says that the President's message conforms to his well-known attitude to foreign affairs.

TOKYO describes his speech as what Japan expected.

President Roosevelt's speech has angered Italy, says Reuter.

The POPOLO DI ROMA accuses Mr. Roosevelt of "prejudicial and theoretical hostilities against totalitarian States" and adds, "it may be asked why he does not declare war against the Axis Powers."

"President Roosevelt's ambiguous and hypocritical tactics are aimed at putting the American people, who are hostile to

HYPOCRITICAL GAME

"It is clear that the hypocritical game of the President would, for example, serve to represent eventual and legitimate sanction on the part of the Axis against American ships transporting materials of war to England as an act of non-provoked aggression. "But this game can deceive no one."

ROTARY CLUB TIFFIN:

Mr. Yinson Lee Speaks On His "Malayan Impressions"

ROTARIAN WM. YINSON LEE, WHO RETURNED ONLY RECENTLY FROM A SIX MONTHS TOUR OF MALAYA, was the speaker yesterday at the weekly tiffin meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club. His subject was "Malayan Impressions."

In the course of his tour, Rotarian Wm. Yinson Lee attended meetings at seven of the eight Rotary Clubs in Malaya, namely at Singapore, Malacca, Penang, Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur, Klang and Seremban. He would have visited also the ordinary meetings of the Clubs at Taiping and Malacca but these were not meeting when he was passing through the towns.

"A special meeting was called when I agreed to address the Club at Malacca," Rotarian Wm. Yinson Lee said. "I conveyed the greetings of this Club to all seven Clubs, whose individual greetings I was asked to bring back to the Hongkong Rotary Club, which I had pleasure in doing three months ago."

Speaking of Malaya, Rotarian Lee said that the peninsula's principal economic weakness was her dependence on imported food supplies, especially rice. Nearly two-thirds of Malaya's rice consumption had to be met by imports from Thailand and Burma.

RICE CULTIVATION

The Malayan Governments were encouraging the Malays to grow rice but the results were not satisfactory except in the un-Federated Malay States of Kedah, Kelantan and Trengganu. The Chinese in Malaya did not go in for rice-growing to any great extent as they found other activities more profitable, unskilled Chinese labour commanding high wages. "Malaya has been described as the 'dollar arsenal' of the British Empire because her huge exports of tin and rubber to the United States provide a handsome balance of trade which helps to pay for British purchases of aircraft and war materials," the speaker continued.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

"It is the policy of the Governments in Malaya to conserve all available resources of foreign exchange and there is strict control of the Straits dollar to prevent the 'flight of capital.' All purchases abroad must have the previous approval of the Restricted Imports Department, and no exports from Malaya can be made without exchange being purchased abroad to pay for them."

"Remittances abroad are restricted which greatly affected the Chinese people because tens of thousands of families in Fukien and Kwangtung rely upon remittances from Malaya for their support. The maximum allowed for a single family was \$250 Straits for two months, a sum barely sufficient for a middle class family. The aggregate of these remittances range from \$4,000,000 to \$8,000,000 a month."

RELIEF REMITTANCES

"The exchange restriction has also affected remittances to the China Relief Fund from the Chinese in Malaya who are extremely patriotic and liberal in their contributions. The maximum amount allowed to be remitted monthly was \$500,000 Straits which is much below the amount subscribed monthly."

"In consequence of this the China Relief Fund committee in Malaya has several millions of dollars in hand. Negotiations are in progress for sanction to remit a larger amount and I hear that \$1,500,000 has been allowed to be remitted through the good office of General Wu Te-chen."

CORDIAL WELCOME

"Last November, Gen. Wu Te-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs and China's goodwill envoy to Malaya, received the biggest wel-

come extended to a Chinese official since Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance, visited Singapore some years ago. At the Singapore Chamber of Commerce, representatives of 400 Chinese guilds and associations gave him a reception on the day of his arrival and spontaneously contributed large sums to the China Relief Fund."

Rotarian Dr. Arthur W. Woo, presiding, welcomed to the meeting the District Governor for Rotary Clubs in South China, Dr. J. James M. Henry of Canton. Another visiting Rotarian was Mr. E. Watson (Singapore).

Guests present were Messrs. I. E. Roberts, A. E. P. Gilmour, A. Ritchie, R. Pearson, Y. K. Sze, J. S. Tsiu, Lt. A. R. Brown, G. T. Ussumull and F. M. Hardy.

CLUB DANCE

Rotarian T. B. Wilson, speaking of the raffle to be held in conjunction with the Rotary Club's Dance in aid of the Mobile Canteen Fund, said that 2,000 tickets had been printed and 1,000 numbered programmes would also have a chance in the raffle. The first prize would be a handsome chest of China tea and the second prize an excellent painting. There would be a number of other attractive prizes.

Ladies' Golf

FIRST ROUND DRAW FOR ROSS CUP

The Medal Competition of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club (Ladies' Section) held during the latter two weeks of December over the New Course, Fanling, resulted in a tie between Mrs. Cassidy and Mrs. Valentine.

The scores were:—Mrs. Cassidy 85-14-71; Mrs. Valentine 97-26-71.

Mrs. Cassidy wins with the lower score over the last nine holes. There were twenty-six entries.

BOGEY COMPETITION

A Bogey Competition will be held on the New Course, Fanling, on Tuesday, Jan. 21, for a prize presented by the Ladies' Section.

The Captain's Cup will be played for under the usual conditions commencing this month.

ROSS CUP DRAW

The draw for the Ross Cup resulted as follows:—Mrs. Sommers v. Mrs. A. M. Rowell; Mrs. Smalley v. Mrs. A. D. Humphreys; Mrs. Shrigley v. Mrs. W. N. Fleming; Mrs. Overy v. Mrs. Piercy.

The first round to be played by Feb. 4; the semi-final to be played by Feb. 18 and the final to be played by March 4.

ARMY TEAM FOR KOTEWALL CUP

The following have been selected to represent the Army against the Royal Navy in the Kotewall Cup competition to be played at Caroline Hill on Wednesday, Jan. 22, kick-off at 4 p.m.

Bankier (R. Scots), Naysmith (R. Scots), Fraser (R. Scots), Birrell (Engineers), Bright (Midd'x), Freshwater (Midd'x), Owens (R. A.), Hossack (R. Scots), Fox (Engineers), Weir (R.A.S.C.) and Duffield (R.A.O.C.).

Reserves: Reynolds (R.A.O.C.), Lawton (R.A.), Guy (R.A.), Pearson (Midd'x), Pelham (Engineers) and Munro (R. Scots).

LAI WAH CUP

The first match in the Lai Wah Cup football competition will take place on Jan. 22 at Caroline Hill when the Army will meet the Navy.

The Army team has been chosen as follows:—

Bankier (Royal Scots), Naysmith (R. Scots), Fraser (R. Scots), Birrell (R.E.), Bright (M'sex), Freshwater (M'sex), Owens (R.A.), Hossack (R. Scots), Fox (R.E.), Weir (R.A.S.C.), Duffield (R.A.O.C.).

Reserves: Reynolds (R.A.O.C.), Lawton (R.A.), Pearson (M'sex), Munro (R. Scots) and Pelham (R.E.).

ANNUAL RACING CARNIVAL

Off Day, Feb. 22

1.—Caulfield Stakes. Winner \$1,750. Second \$600. Third \$400. For Australian ponies. Grifflins of this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Jockey allowance. Entrance \$10. One mile.

2.—Flemington Plate. (First section). Winner \$1,500. Second \$500. Third \$300. For Australian subscription ponies of 1941. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Jockey allowance. Entrance \$10. One mile.

Note.—One entry only will be made for Races 2 and 7. Entries will be divided into First and Second sections by a draw.

3.—Nill Desperandum Stakes. Winner \$1,500. Second \$500. Third \$300. For China ponies. bona fide Grifflins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Jockey allowance. Entrance \$10. From the Two mile post once round and in (About 1 mile 171 yards).

4.—Happy Valley Spring Handicap. Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China ponies classified "B" Class. Winners at allowance. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. One mile.

5.—Yarra Stakes. Winner \$1,750. Second \$600. Third \$400. For Australian ponies. Grifflins of this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Entrance \$10. From the 14-mile post (About 1 mile 171 yards).

6.—Taiping Handicap. Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China ponies classified "C" Class. Winners at this meeting barred. Jockey allowance. Entrance \$10. One mile.

7.—Flemington Plate. (Second section). (See Race No. 2).

8.—Professional Cup and Australian Subscription Ponies Champions. A Cup presented. \$500 to the Winner by the donors, and \$3,000 added. Second \$1,000. Third \$500. To be won two years in succession or three years in all by ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners. For Australian subscription ponies of 1941. Winners and placed ponies only. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies to be ridden by Jockeys who have won at least 10 official flat races anywhere or Jockeys approved by the Stewards. Starting fee \$100. One-and-a-quarter miles.

Note.—Entries to be nominated on the day of the race, i.e., ponies must be declared as starters by posting their names in the relative declaration box in the usual manner.

9.—Benarba Handicap. Winner \$1,000. Second \$350. Third \$250. For Australian subscription ponies, classified "C" and "D" Classes. Winners at this meeting barred. Jockey allowance. Entrance \$10. Two miles.

(Note.—All entries close at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building.)

C.C.C. TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

The following have been selected to represent the C.C.C. in League matches on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m.

1st XI v. K.O.C. (Home):—E. Zimmern (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, E. H. Esmail, H. G. Foreman, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Huise, A. K. Ismail, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza, J. L. Young Baye. Reserve: T. H. Edgar.

2nd XI v. I.R.C. (Away):—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar, W. K. Way. Reserves: O. M. Omar, L. Choa.

DELAY OF THE NELLORE

The delay in the arrival of the Nellore in Manila from Rabaul may probably be explained by the fact that, according to information received by its agents in the Colony in December, the vessel would be leaving Australia six days behind schedule.

On inquiries being made at the agents, Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Company, it was learned that up to late yesterday evening they had not received any advice from Manila of the ship's arrival.

FOOTBALL REFEREES' MEETING

HISTORY OF THE S.C.A.A.

An interesting talk on the history of the South China Athletic Association was given by Mr. Walter Hamming Chen at the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association at the Hotel Cecil last night. Mr. Hugh A. Beard (Chairman) presided, assisted by Mr. J. F. da Silva (Secretary).

After dwelling on the physical development of ancient China, which was principally Chinese boxing, Mr. Chen continued that it was only the overthrow of the Manchus and the establishment of the Republic in 1911, that there came into being a number of sporting and athletic clubs and physical culture organisations, most important of which were the S.C.A.A. in Hongkong and the Chin Woo Athletic Association in Shanghai.

10,000 MEMBERS

The S.C.A.A. was formed in 1916 through the amalgamation of two earlier athletic teams. Beginning with 50 members, the membership today had reached 10,000, which included more than 1,000 ladies.

Concluding he said: "I think you will agree with me that S.C.A.A. has done its part, and I can assure you that it will continue to do our bit so long as we have the power to do so. And in our endeavours, I know we can depend

MIDDLESEX UNLUCKY TO LOSE TO ROYAL SCOTS Army Small Units Rugby League Semi-Final

MIDDLESEX were unlucky to lose in their match against the ROYAL SCOTS, at Sookunpoo yesterday, in the semi-final of the ARMY SMALL UNITS RUGBY LEAGUE, for they played a really fine game throughout.

The Royals went off to a flying start and kept up their pressure on the Middlesex's half but were unable to pierce the strong defence put up by Holdford and Thompson, who were invariably where they were most urgently needed.

After twenty minutes' play, Marshall scored a try to give the Royal Scots a short-lived lead for, within three minutes, Thompson equalised.

Marshall, taking the ball from the 75-yard line, ran right through Middlesex's defences but was so closely pursued that he was unable to score a touchdown.

On resumption of play, the Scots increased their pressure on the Middlesex with the result that play was mostly confined to the latter's half. Receiving the ball during a scrimmage in the 5-yard line, Bateman obtained a touch-

down which, however, was not converted.

Royal Scots' lead was further increased when Nealon broke through for a try shortly before the final whistle went, with the score at 9 points (3 tries) to 3.

MARSHALL OUTSTANDING

Marshall was the outstanding player for the Royal Scots and it was principally due to his yeoman services that the Middlesex's attacks were ineffective. Bateman, Grace, Stephenson, and Nealon also played a sterling game and were constantly in the limelight.

For the losers, Radley, Thompson, Man, Barry, and Wilson played exceedingly well.

THE LINE-UPS WERE:—

ROYAL SCOTS: Stephenson, O'Brien, Bateman, Hanson, Marshall, Phillips, Grace, Dixon, Simms, Durie, Hunter, McKenzie, Livingstone, Loughlin and Nealon.

MIDDLESEX: Holdford, Dickens, Cordery, Radley, Thompson, Man, Moggaridge, Heather, Wooley, Pearce, Bailey, Goddard, Barry, Klimcke and Wilson.

The final will be played on Jan. 21, on the same ground at 4.30 p.m.

HOME FOOTBALL FIXTURES

LONDON, January 7 (Reuter).—Football fixtures for the coming Saturday will be the same as for January 4 but with the venues reversed.

Additional matches will be:

SHEFFIELD CHARITY CUP

Semi-final

Rotherham v. Barnsley.

NORTH REGIONAL

Crewe v. Preston.

Grimsby v. Newcastle.

Stockport v. Sheffield U.

SOUTH REGIONAL

Bristol C. v. Cardiff.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

FOOTBALL.—Council Meeting. 5.30 p.m.

RUGBY.—Club "A" v. Combined Small Units (Club ground) 4.45 p.m.

SWIMMING.—Y. M. C. A. Swimming and Swimming Instructions.

TOMORROW

BADMINTON.—"B" Division: Recto v. J.R.C.; King's College v. Chung Wah; St. John's v. St. Andrew's; Police v. Kowloon Tong.

CHESS.—Entries close for Colony Chess Championship.

HOCKEY.—Y.M.C.A. Hockey, 4.30 p.m.

RACING.—Entries close for Macao Jockey Club's January Race meeting, noon.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

SWIMMING.—Y.M.C.A. Mixed Swimming, 3-4 p.m.

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POLICE REPORTS

Col. Shaw, of the Royal Artillery, has reported that his cook, Ah Yin, had absconded with \$70 in money.

Articles to the total value of \$34.80 have been reported stolen from the Government Store.

Hunghom when someone broke into the store on Monday night.

Chiu Sun, manager of the Heung On grocery shop, Tai Po, reports that someone entered his house during the night on Jan. 4 and stole money and jewellery to the value of \$831.90.

Radio Programmes

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THE POEM OF FIRE

Variety Programmes

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Tino Rossi (Tenor) and Vienna Bohème Orchestra.

Volga, Volga!—Russian Waltz Potpourri (Noack); Rysskøpøthen Potpourri (Gungl); Vienna Bohème Orchestra.

Panama Ville D'Amour (Gardoni-Chavotti); L'Existe Une Blonde (Gardoni-Chavotti); Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra.

Heinecke—Vienna Bohème Orchestra.

Ecoutez Les Mandolines (Film "Naples au bal des feux"); Catari! Catari! (Film "Naples au bal des feux"); Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra.

Spring Waltz (Lincke); April Smiles—Waltz (Depret)—Vienna Bohème Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Compositions of Haydn.

Concerto in D Major, Op. 21—1st Mov. Vivace; 2nd Mov. Larghetto; 3rd Mov. Rondo all'ungherese—Mme. Marguerite Rosen-Champion (Piano) and the Orchestra Symphonique de Paris.

Insurance Et Vance Cura—The Choir of Temple Church, London.

Menuet—Pau Casals (Cello) with Piano accompaniment.

1.30 Bunter and Bagby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra and Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.

Czardas (Monti)—Rawicz and Landauer (Two Pianos); Fox-Trot—The State of My Heart; A Rendezvous with a Dream (Film "Poppy")—Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra.

(Arndt); Parade of the Tin Soldiers (Jessel)—Rawicz and Landauer (Two Pianos); Fox-Trot—Take My Heart; Waltz—Stars in My Eyes (Film "The King Steps Out")—Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra.

Selection (Oscar Straus); The Lift of Lehar—Mogley—Rawicz & Landauer (Two Pianos).

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Scriabin—Prometheus (The Poem of Fire), Op. 60.

Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra with Piano Solo by Sylvia Levin and Chorus from Curtis Institute of Music.

6.50 Song by Frida Leider (Soprano).

Leonora's Aria from "Fidelio" (Beethoven)—with Orchestra cond. by John Barbirolli.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Variety with Hildegard, The Six Swingers and Teddy Foster and His Kings of Swing.

Fox-Trot—Pagan Love Song—Teddy Foster and His Kings of Swing. They Can't Take That Away from Me; Let's Call the Whole Thing Off (both from "Shall We Dance")—Hildegard (Vocal) with Carroll Gibbons and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—They Would Wind Him Up and He Would Whistle; Quickstep—Bring Out The Little Brown Jug—The Six Swingers with Vocal Chorus; Fox-Trots—Big Boy Blue; Ebony Shadows—Teddy Foster and His Kings of Swing.

Hildegard Looks Back—Intro: Why Do I Love You; Sometimes I'm Happy; Look for the Silver Lining; Always; Wonderful; I Got Rhythm—Hildegard (Vocal) with Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Musical Comedy Selections.

"Paganini"—Vocal, Gems (Herbert Lehar)—Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

Selection (Noel Coward)—New Mayfair Orchestra. The Stately Homes of England ("Operette"—Noel Coward).

Hugh French, Ross London, John Catrell and Kenneth Carter with Orch. "Careless Rapture"—Selection (Novello, Hassall)—Gerald and His Orchestra.

8.30 Kestelbey—In Holiday Mood Suite.

On the Promenade—Down the Stream—The Illuminated Fate—The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood.

8.42 Richard Tauber (Tenor) and Light Orchestras.

The Daughter of the Regiment—Overture (Donizetti)—Vienna Symphony Orchestra.

To the Land of My Own—Romance (Smith-Herbert); I Want the World to Know (Film "Music for Madame")—Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra.

Serenade (Reykens); Birthday Serenade (Lincke)—Max Muhlbeck and His Orchestra.

8.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

8.30 London Relay—Talk; To Talk of Many Things.

9.45 Sea Shanties.

Shenandoan (arr. Terry); Sally Brown; Hanging Johnny; Whiskey Johnny; The Sailor Liked His Bottle; O' Clear the Track Liked the Bulging Run (arr. Terry); Fire Down Below; Hullabaloo; Balay (Harris); Haul Away, Joe; What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor (arr. Terry); John Goss (Baritone) and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet with Piano.

10.00 Variety.

Accordeons—There's A Gold Mine In The Sky (Kenny); Whistling Gipsy (from "Command Performance")—Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal.

Vocal—Hawaii Calls (from the film); Down Where the Trade Winds Blow (film "Hawaii Calls")—Bobby Breen (Boy Soprano) with Orch.

Orch.—Gershwin Medley—New Mayfair Orchestra with Vocal by Elizabeth Welch and Robert Ashley. Vocal—Deep Shadows (White and Others); When Did You Leave Heaven? (film "Sing, Baby, Sing")—Frances Langford with Orchestra.

Humorous Domestic Sketch—Harold Entertainers—Ivor Vinnor assisted by Molly Vyvyan and Ann Gordon.

Accordeons—Whoops We Go Again (Harvey); If The Old River Thames Were the Danube (Butler and Others)—Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal.

Vocal—It's A Sin To Tell A Lie (May-hew); Let's Sing Again (film same)—Bobby Breen (Boy Soprano) with Orchestra.

Orch. and Organ—No. No. Nanette—Selection (Youmans); Show of Shows—Selection—New Mayfair Orchestra with Edward O'Henry at the Organ.

Vocal—My First Thrill (film "She shall have music"); Do The Runaround (film "She shall have music"); June Clyde (Soprano) with Orchestra.

11.00 Close down.

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Transmission I—News Summary 4.00 p.m.

Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.

Transmission V—News Summary 6.45 p.m.

Full Bulletin 7.30 p.m.

do. 9.15 p.m.

do. 12.00 mid. night

Trans. II & III—News Summary 7.30 a.m.

Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

NEW APPOINTMENT FOR GEN. CATROUX

BOMBAY, Jan. 7 (Reuters)—General de Gaulle has conferred on General Catroux, former Governor-General of Indo-China, the title of Delegate-General for Egypt and High Commissioner for the Middle East and the Balkans.

Gen. Catroux has also been entrusted with the leadership of the Free French movement in the Balkans, Egypt, Syria, Palestine, the Near East, Iran, Afghanistan, India and the Somaliland.

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8—Tides: High 5.21 a.m. and 5.54 p.m. Low 12.16 a.m. and 10.42 a.m.

Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 5.55 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Women's War Work, 9 a.m.—12 noon; Swimming; Chess and Draughts Night, 6—11 p.m.; A.D.C. to present "Twelfth Night", 5.30 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.

H.K.F.A. Council Meeting, 5.30 p.m.

F. A. Sutton Ltd., Buffet Supper Dance, Shell House, 9 p.m.

H.K. Reel Club Practice, Helena May Inst., 6 p.m.

St. Andrew's Fellowship, General Committee Mtg., 6.30 p.m.

Pook Wa Banking and Insee. Co. Ltd. Extraordinary Meeting, 43, Bonham Strand East, 3 p.m.

Cinema Show for Seafarers, Sailors' Home and Mission to Seamen, 8 p.m.

Emmanuel Church, Nathan Road: Lecture by Rev. Leland Wang, 8 p.m.

Volunteer Nursing Detachment, Lecture on Home Nursing, Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.; Practical Class, 4.30 p.m.

Universal Week of Prayer, St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

9—Tides: High 7.15 a.m. and 6.27 p.m. Low 1.09 a.m. and 11.33 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 5.56 p.m.

Mohammedan Festival—Divine Service at Mosque, 9 a.m.

Entries close for Colony Chess Championships.

Y.M.C.A.: Squash, Hockey & Swimming, A.D.C. to present "Twelfth Night", 9.15 p.m.

H.K. Y's Men's Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

Cheero Club, Bridge and Mahjong. Entries close for Macao Jockey Club's January Meeting, 12 noon.

8 and 8 Home: Film Show for Servicemen, 8.30 p.m.

Entries close for Colony Chess Championships.

Volunteer Nursing Detachment, Advanced Lecture, Military Hospital, 3 p.m.

Universal Week of Prayer, St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

10—Tides: High 8.22 a.m. and 6.59 p.m. Low 1.52 a.m. and 12.22 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 5.57 p.m.

H.K. Reel Club, Annual Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Mixed Swimming, 3—4 p.m.; A.D.C. to present "Twelfth Night", 9.15 p.m.

H.E. the Acting Governor will attend.

Cheero Club, Darts and Table Tennis.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

His Excellency lunches at 1 p.m. with the Manager and Senior members of the Talkoo Dockyard and Engineering Co., and afterwards inspects the dockyard.

Lecture at Fung Ping Shan Library by Prof. Tschien Yin-koh on "Wu Tien (Empress Wu) and Buddhism", 5.30 p.m.

Dance for Seafarers, at Sailors' Home and Mission to Seamen, 9 p.m.

Universal Week of Prayer, St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

11—Tides: High 9.07 a.m. and 7.37 p.m. Low 2.27 a.m. and 1.08 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.06 a.m.; Sunset: 5.57 p.m.

Entries close for Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting, 3 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: A.D.C. to present "Twelfth Night", 9.15 p.m.

12—Tides: High 9.39 a.m. and 8.17 p.m. Low 3.05 a.m. and 1.52 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.08 a.m.; Sunset: 5.58 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

Combined Service at English Methodist Church, 6.30 p.m.

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PACKED CONGRESS HEARS PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WARN AGAINST PREACHERS OF THE "ISM OF APPEASEMENT"

Full United States Support For Democracy's Fight For Freedom: Three Points Of Foreign Policy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (REUTERS)—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, IN THE MOST EAGERLY-AWAITED SPEECH SINCE PRESIDENT WILSON'S HISTORIC DECLARATION OF WAR IN 1917, YESTERDAY REPORTED TO THE PACKED 77TH CONGRESS ON THE STATE OF THE NATION. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DECLARED THAT HE ADDRESSED CONGRESS AT A MOMENT UNPRECEDENTED IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNION BECAUSE AT NO PREVIOUS TIME HAD AMERICAN SECURITY BEEN AS SERIOUSLY THREATENED FROM WITHOUT AS IT WAS NOW.

After reviewing American history since 1789, President Roosevelt said: "We should remember that the peace of 1919 was far less unjust than the kind of 'pacification' which began even before Munich and which is being carried out under the new order of tyranny which seeks to spread over every country today.

"The American people have unalterably set their faces against that. The democratic way of life is at this moment being directly assailed in every part of the world—assailed either by arms or secret, spreading and poisonous propaganda by those who seek to destroy unity and promote discord in the nations still at peace.

"During the 16 months, this assault has bottled out the whole pattern of life in an appalling number of independent nations, great and small. The assailants are still on the march threatening other nations, great and small.

"As your President, performing my constitutional duty to give Congress information on the state of the Union, I find it necessary to report that the future safety of our country and our democracy are overwhelmingly involved in events far beyond our borders.

"The armed defence of democratic existence is now being gallantly waged in four continents. If that defence fails, all the population, all the resources of Europe,

Asia, Africa and Australia will be dominated by the conquerors."

WARNING SOUNDED

Declaring that it was immature and incidentally untrue for any body to brag that an unprepared America, single-handed and with one hand tied behind its back could hold off the whole world, President Roosevelt gave warning that no realistic American could expect international generosity, return of independence, world disarmament or even good business from the dictators' peace.

"We must always be wary of those who, with the sounding of brass and the tinkling of cymbals, preach the 'ism of appeasement'."

"We must especially beware of that small group of selfish men who would clip the wings of the American Eagle in order to feather their own nest.

"There is much loose talk of immunity from direct invasion from across the seas. Obviously as long as the British Navy retains its power, no such danger exists. Even if there were no British Navy, it is improbable that any enemy would be stupid enough to attack us by landing troops in the United States from across thousands of miles until he had acquired strategic bases from which to operate.

DANGER OF ATTACK

"As long as the aggressor nations maintain the offensive, they and not we, will choose the time, place and method of their attack. That is why the future of all the American Republics is today in serious danger. That is why every member of the executive branch of Government and every member of Congress face a great responsibility and a great accountability."

Declaring that American national policy in foreign affairs was based on a decent respect for the rights and dignity of all nations, large and small and that the justice of morality would win in the end, President Roosevelt condensed his policy into three points:

First, by an impressive expression of public will without regard to partisanship, the United States is committed to an all-inclusive national defence.

Second, similarly the United States is committed to the full support of all those resolute peoples everywhere who are resisting aggression, thereby keeping war away from this hemisphere.

Third, the United States is committed to the proposition that the principles of morality and considerations of her own security would never permit her to acquiesce in a peace dictated by aggressors and sponsored by appeasers.

U.S. PRODUCTION

Mr. Roosevelt declared that he was not satisfied with the progress thus far made in production, and quicker and better results must be obtained. They were behind in the schedule for turning out finished aeroplanes, but ahead in the building of warships.

"I shall ask Congress for greatly increased new appropriations and new authorisations to carry on what we began and for authority for funds sufficient to manufac-

ture additional munitions and war supplies of many kinds to be turned over to those nations which are now in actual warfare with aggressor nations.

"Our most useful role is to act as an arsenal for them as well as for ourselves. They do not need man-power. They do need billions of dollars worth of weapons of defence.

"The time is near when they will not be able to pay in ready cash. We cannot and we will not tell them that they must surrender because of their present inability to pay for weapons which we know that they must have."

DOLLAR LOANS

"I do not recommend that we make them a loan of dollars with which to pay for these weapons—loans to be repaid in dollars. I recommend that we make it possible for these nations to continue to obtain war materials in the United States fitting their orders into our own programme.

"Nearly all their material would, if the time ever came, be useful to our own defence. For what we send abroad we shall be repaid within a reasonable time following the close of hostilities in similar materials, or at our own option, in other goods which they can produce and which we need."

"Let us say to the democracies: 'We Americans are vitally concerned in your defence of freedom. We are putting forth our energies, resources and organising powers to give you strength to regain and maintain a free world. We shall send you in ever-increasing numbers ships, planes, tanks and guns. This is our purpose and our pledge.'"

DICTATORS' THREATS

"In fulfilment of this purpose we will not be intimidated by the threats of dictators that they will regard as a breach of international law and as an act of war, our aid to the democracies which dare to resist their aggression. Such aid is not an act of war even if a dictator should unilaterally proclaim it so to be."

"When the dictators are ready to make war on us they will not wait for an act of war on our part."

"They did not wait for Norway, Belgium and the Netherlands to commit an act of war. Their only interest is in a new way international law which lacks mutual-ity in its observance and therefore becomes an instrument of oppression."

Declaring that all must be prepared to make sacrifices when the emergency demanded, Mr. Roosevelt said that in his budget message, he would recommend that a greater portion of the defence programme should be paid from taxation than was being paid at present. No person should be allowed to try to get rich from this programme.

HUMAN FREEDOMS

In future days they would look ahead to the four essential, human freedoms—freedom of speech and expression everywhere, freedom of, and the right to worship God in their own way everywhere, freedom from want, and freedom from fear.

The President concluded: "This nation has placed its destiny in the hands, heads and hearts of millions of free men and women and its faith in freedom under the guidance of God."

"Freedom means the supremacy of man's rights. Everywhere our support goes to those who struggle to gain those rights or to keep them."

"Our strength is in our unity of purpose. To that high conception there can be no end save victory."

PERSONAL TRIUMPH

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (Reuters)—Reldom, if ever, has President

U-Boat Crippled In Gun Battle With Merchantman

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuters)—How a Welsh cargo steamer out-fired a disabled U-boat was described to me here yesterday, writes Reuters' Special correspondent in Gibraltar.

The cargo steamer, named Sarastone, fought an engagement with a U-boat finally leaving her with some smoke and yellow fumes pouring out, showing that the German craft had been hit and seriously injured.

KNIGHTING CEREMONY IN PUBLIC

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuters)—The accolade of knighthood was bestowed for the first time in public in a factory during the tour made by the King and Queen of bombed Sheffield.

They first visited the big steel works where they saw war production in full swing unhampered by effects of the raid.

At the end of the visit the King mounted the dais with Mr. Allan Grant, Managing Director of Thomas, Firth and John Brown Limited, who had conducted him round.

Mr. Grant knelt before the King who, taking a sword from an equerry, touched him on both shoulders, saying "Arise, Sir Allan."

Hundreds of workers gathered around and cheered.

HEAVY ITALIAN AIR LOSSES IN LIBYA

30 Planes Destroyed In Air Battles

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuters)—Between Dec. 22 and the fall of Bardia on Jan. 5 the R.A.F. in Libya destroyed 30 enemy aircraft in the air and at least eight on the ground at a loss of only two planes.

Making this announcement the Air Ministry adds that throughout the period in question Italian opposition in the air decreased except for Jan. 4 and 5 and on those days it was unable to achieve any success.

The announcement continues: "This was doubtless due to the unrelenting R.A.F. attacks on Italian aerodromes and landing grounds."

"R.A.F. fighter planes seized every opportunity to harass enemy land forces. One example is the destruction of five Italian Staff automobiles by the R.A.F. which machine-gunned them from very low levels."

FRENCH WEST INDIES

Adml. Rovere Says "Hands Off"

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuters)—Admiral Rovere, High Commissioner of the French West Indies, said in a press interview on the subject of Martinique yesterday, that he was authorised to defend the islands by force if necessary against any Power trying to seize them from France.

No foreign influence detrimental to the interests of the United States will be allowed to gain control of Martinique, he said.

Under the armistice terms Germany was bound not to seize the French colonies by force. The people of Martinique, both native and European, desire above all to help the Mother Country in her effort to regain her position as a first-class Power.

Roosevelt spoke so plainly to Congress and the country on foreign affairs, and in so doing, he has achieved a personal triumph such as was never possible in his "fireside chats."

Enthusiastic Congressmen and the public in the galleries applauded time and time again. No seat in the Chamber was vacant.

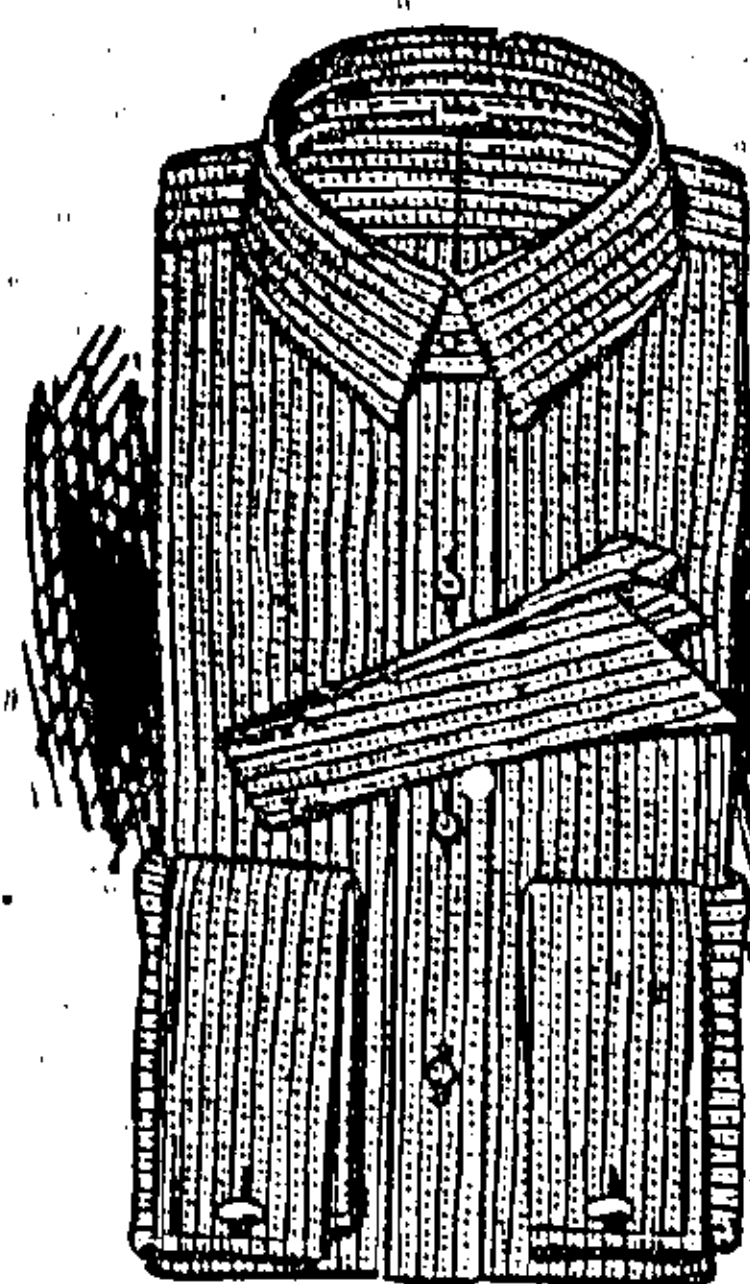
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CLAIM FOR NEGLIGENCE IN DELIVERY OF GOODS

Judgment With Costs For Steamship Company: Not Negligent To Phone

Judgment for the defendants with costs was given by Mr. Justice Williams in the Summary Court yesterday in claim for \$539.42 brought by the Sang Yuen firm against the Fook On Steamship Company for negligence in the delivery of goods entrusted to them for carriage to Hongkong.

Mr. C. D'Almada appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. D. Brittain Evans for the defendants. The case was first heard on Oct. 31, 1940.

In giving judgment, his Lordship said, inter alia:—

This is a claim by plaintiffs, a Macau firm dealing in the sale of feathers, against defendants, a steamship company running between Macau and Hongkong, for negligence in the delivery of goods entrusted to them for carriage to Hongkong. The amount of the claim is \$539.42. Delivery was in fact made to a person who falsely purported to be a servant of the consignees.

Defendants rely on several defences, the only important ones which fall to be considered now, as some were abandoned at the hearing, are:—(1) the contract was for carriage for reward from Macau to Hongkong and that upon the arrival of the cargo in Hongkong the contract had been fully performed, (2) the defendants are protected by a clause in the contract which requires notice of any claim for loss to be made to defendants within 3 days of shipment and no claim was made within that period and (3) a denial of negligence.

AGREEMENT TO SELL

About July 14, the managing partner of plaintiffs entered into an agreement to sell a quantity of goose and duck feathers to the Tung Li, the consignees, a Hongkong firm. Delivery was to be made within 15 days. About 10 p.m. on the 16th July the goods were delivered on board defendants' boat, the Tin Sang.

After being checked, an envelope was handed by plaintiffs' folk to the consignees. It was written the description and amount of cargo and the name and address of the consignee.

The details given on the envelope were then translated into English and entered in the ship's manifest. I accept defendants' evidence that there was nothing inside the envelope, the practice of having a form of invoice inside have ceased owing to postal censorship regulations since the European War began.

The ss Tin Sang arrived in Hongkong about 7 a.m. The average number of daily consignments is about 60. The envelope referring to the cargo in question was put along with envelopes relating to other cargo into a bag and sent to the post office for censorship.

This bag was returned about 11 a.m. and as practically all cargo had by that time been delivered it is the practice of defendants to destroy the envelopes straightaway. As these envelopes roughly correspond to bills of lading I doubt the wisdom of their early destruction and consider they should be kept at least for a few months. On their arrival in Hongkong the consignee is informed and sends someone on board to take delivery. The information is given in one of two ways viz. (1) a written notice to consignee informing him that cargo is on board and delivery must be taken early, the notice being delivered to consignees by defendants' messenger or (2) a telephone message sent to consignee's office by the messenger.

PHONE MESSAGES
The system of notifying consignees by phone message, at least as regards the present consignees, began about 2 years ago. Defendants usually phone instead of sending the messenger with the notice to consignee in cases where the consignee lives at a considerable distance from the defendants' office as do the Tung Li firm. Defendants say that they used the phone to notify the Tung Li at the latter's request. The Tung Li deny they made this request—they protested but acquiesced. I find that though defendants probably suggested the method it was acquiesced in by Tung Li and they had continually acted on it. It was convenient for both parties.

At the close of the evidence, solicitor for the defendants submitted that the contract was one of carriage only; that that contract was discharged by performance on arrival of the goods in Hongkong.

It was not a contract for delivery to the Tung Li. After the arrival in Hongkong anything defendants did as regards the goods was gratuitous. To maintain an action for negligence in the case of a gratuitous deposit plaintiffs would have to show that the defendants had been guilty of breach of orders, gross negligence or fraud. In fact the degree of negligence proved had to be of a very high order.

Solicitor for the plaintiffs reply to this contention was that the duty of the shipowner was to deliver the cargo to the person entitled to it and if he delivered to a person not entitled to it he was responsible for the value.

In reply to a question I put, solicitor for the plaintiffs was not quite prepared to go so far as to contend there was an absolute duty to deliver. He admitted the shipowner might escape if no negligence was proved against him.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS

As his second defence, solicitor for the defendants submitted that notice to defendants had not been made within 3 days of shipment i.e. July 17 and therefore defendants were not liable. The time limit was clearly 3 days from date of shipment. There was no ambiguity about the wording of the notice. Solicitor for plaintiffs replied that the wording was ambiguous. The witnesses on both sides had disagreed as to its meaning. It might equally mean with-in 3 days of the discovery of the mistake, here the July 22.

I hold that the wording is ambiguous—it might equally well mean, as plaintiffs hold, that plaintiffs must notify within 3 days of the discovery of the loss. In such a case the true principle to be applied is that the construction is to be construed more strongly against the party who made the notice i.e. defendants. As plaintiffs have notified defendants within 3 days of the discovery of the omission—actually they notified on the same day—I find that defendants are not exempt from liability by the notice. It is quite simple for defendants to word their notice so that no one can possibly misunderstand the meaning.

Solicitor for the plaintiffs submitted that the essential element of negligence was the method defendants used to notify consignees viz. phoning. If defendants had sent the notice to consignees to the Tung Li then there was far less chance of a fraud being carried out. Other features showing negligence were that defendants accepted a plain letter of request whilst the Tung Li's practice had been to send letters of request with their firm name as heading.

In addition the tallyman should have paid more attention to the chop on the letter of request. He should have noticed that it was different from the chop previously produced by consignees. He asked few questions of the coalie who came for delivery. The defendants should keep a register of the chops used by various consignees and should not give delivery unless the usual chop was produced.

NOT NEGLIGENT TO PHONE

I have examined the ship's hold book and the various letters of request. I find in some cases the general chop is used by consignees, in others the goods received chop. I do not consider that defendants should keep a register of chops. That is placing an undue burden on them. In some cases they must be consigning goods to a firm for the first time and the register then would not help them. Even the fact that a consignee usually writes his letter of request on firm's paper should not in my view put the tallyman on his guard when he gets a letter written from the consignee not on the firm's paper. On the main factor relied on to prove negligence viz. phoning I do not hold it was negligent to phone.

This had been done for a few years and acquiesced in by the Tung Li. Other consignees received phone notification from defen-

COMING & GOING BY CLIPPER

Pan American Airways' CALIFORNIA CLIPPER (Capt. Barrows), bringing U.S. mails dated San Francisco, Dec. 30, arrived in Hongkong yesterday afternoon with fifteen passengers for the Colony:

From Manila: Mr. Godfrey Thomson, executive of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Hongkong, returning after a business trip to the Philippines; Mr. William Hewitt, executive of Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., on a business visit to the Colony; Mr. Oliver E. C. Marton, Attorney-at-Law in Hongkong, returning after a short vacation in the Philippines; Mr. Francisco Gomez, Hongkong resident returning after a short visit to the Philippines; Dr. Geoffrey A. C. Herklotz, biologist, Hongkong University, back from a business trip to the Philippines; Madame Vavara Prokhorov, wife of the Russian Commercial Attache in Chungking; Mr. H. G. McNeary, associated with the American Bank Note Co., New York City, returning to the Colony after a business trip to the Philippines; Hung Yu-yung, Chinese lady returning to Hongkong; Lai Tim, Chinese merchant on a business trip to the Colony, accompanied by his 8-year-old son, Pablo Lai; Ng Eng-kian, Chinese merchant, on business to Hongkong; Senor J. Amado Aranceta, well-known Manila business executive, travelling to Hongkong in the interests of his company.

From Honolulu: Mr. Harry Keller, Swiss Consul at Hongkong; Mr. Albert J. Avramow, Hongkong businessman, returning from a trip to the States.

From San Francisco: M. Giaccone Zanette, Shanghai merchant, returning from a visit to the United States.

DEPARTURES TODAY

The California Clipper was scheduled to leave Hongkong today on her return flight to San Francisco, via Manila, with the following passengers:—

For San Francisco: Mr. Hadassah Schloessinger, student from Palestine en route to New York.

For Manila:—

Mr. Henry S. Ng, student from Manila returning after spending his vacation in the Colony;

Mr. Eduardo M. Magtoto, mechanical engineer returning South;

Mr. Jose Marquez-Lim, Filipino merchant completing the return portion of a round trip by Clipper;

Mr. Alexandre E. Gerondal, ship broker, making a round trip by Clipper on business;

Mr. Gustava U. da Roza, merchant from Macao on business;

Mr. L. R. Hedefonso, of the American Express, Hongkong, also on business;

Mr. Alberto Pacheco-Jorge, barrister-at-law, making a round trip on vacation;

Mr. Jenny M. Zech, American tourist;

Mr. Robert P. de la Sala, of John Mannors & Co., Hongkong, making a combined business and vacation trip to the P.I., accompanied by Mrs. Camilla V. P. de la Sala;

Miss Helen Morton, American tourist;

Messrs. Ngo Kok, Leong Hao-lun, Kou Ho-neng, Kan Lin-chi, Ho Mei-sin, Fu Choi-lam, Harry Chong, Wong Wing-chee, Woo Lim, Koo San and Liu Yok.

TWELFTH NIGHT

CHANGES IN DATES OF PERFORMANCE

Owing to the sudden illness of Nora Witchell who plays the part of Viola in Twelfth Night the European Y. M. C. A. postponed the Matinee performance on Wednesday, Jan. 8, to Wednesday Jan. 15 at 5.30 p.m. The Thursday performance has been cancelled.

There is no change in the Friday and Saturday evening performances Jan. 10 and 11. These performances will be held as advertised.

dants and acted on it without protest. The telephone has become so universal now that to hold it was negligent for defendants to use it here would be unjustified. In my opinion plaintiffs should have taken the usual precaution of notifying the consignees independently.

Plaintiffs reasons for not so doing was that they usually did not know they were shipping until the last moment. If it was too late for them to notify by post or cable

R.E. Officer On Trial

NOT GUILTY PLEA ON 22 CHARGES

At a Court Martial held at Scandal Point Hall yesterday, Lieut. (Actg. Capt.) H. L. Reeves, R.E., pleaded Not Guilty to 22 charges relating to certain deficiencies in fuel and oil accounts of the 22nd Fortress Company, Royal Engineers, of which he was in charge between April 1, 1940 and Sept. 30, 1940.

The following comprised the Court:—Brig. T. McLeod, R.A. (President), Lieut.-Col. D. J. McDougall, Lieut.-Col. S. Shaw, Major T. W. Boyce, Capt. (Temporary Major) A. R. Colquhoun. The Judge Advocate was Mr. D. H. Blake.

The prosecuting officer was 2nd Lieut. K. E. Allanson, R.A., while 2nd Lieut. H. S. Badger, Middlesex Regt., acted as accused "friend."

According to the statement read out by the prosecuting officer the charges arose from the accounts kept by the 22nd Fortress Coy.

FOUR GROUPS

They were divided into four groups: neglecting his duties and being unable to account for certain deficiencies; being privy to making false statements recording the issue of fuel supplies; alternatively, allowing records of the issues to be made without satisfying himself that they were correct; persuading or inducing Lieut. C. Otway, R.E., to sign certain forms purporting to show that certain supplies had been issued well knowing that these were only estimates of the quantities that may have been issued.

Continuing, the prosecuting officer said that no suggestion was made of any misappropriation of public funds or property. The accounts were in order when the accused took over in April, 1940. On Oct. 1 the door to the store was found unlocked by the storeman and as during this month large deficiencies were found, investigation into this was ordered. Evidence of the prices of fuel was given by Lieut. (Actg. Capt.) G. C. E. Grew, R.A.S.C.

INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN

Major D. C. E. Grew, R.E., testified that he had given careful instructions on the keeping of the accounts in the presence of accused. When accused was being transferred to the 40th Coy, at the end of Sept. he was told to hand over to Capt. Le Seclieur at the end of the accounting period but two or three days later accused went to him and said that there were large deficiencies. The largest deficiency was in the petrol which was 50 to 100 gallons short.

Hearing was adjourned to 9 a.m. today.

ROTTERS CLUB OF IPOH

UNIQUE MOTTO OF MEMBERS

The Rotters Club of Ipoh entertained Mr. Wm. Yinson Lee during his sojourn in that town on his recent tour of Malaya. One qualification of membership in this club was to be over 50 years of age. Rotarian Wm. Yinson Lee explained yesterday to Hongkong Rotarians. It was claimed by the Club that after 50 a man begins to "rot."

The Rotters Club do not believe in the Rotary motto "Service above Self"—they jokingly believe in "Self before Service" for they argue "How can one serve until he has taken care of himself." With reference to the second half of the Rotary motto "He profits most who serves best," they say "Who wants to serve and profit thereby when we are rotting?"

SOCIAL CLUB

"They have a membership of about fifty, nearly all prominent Chinese tin miners, rubber planters and professional men," Rotarian Wm. Yinson Lee said.

"Many of them are retired or about to retire, so it is entirely a social club without any serious purpose, except getting together once a month for a hilarious time and showering hospitality upon visitors."

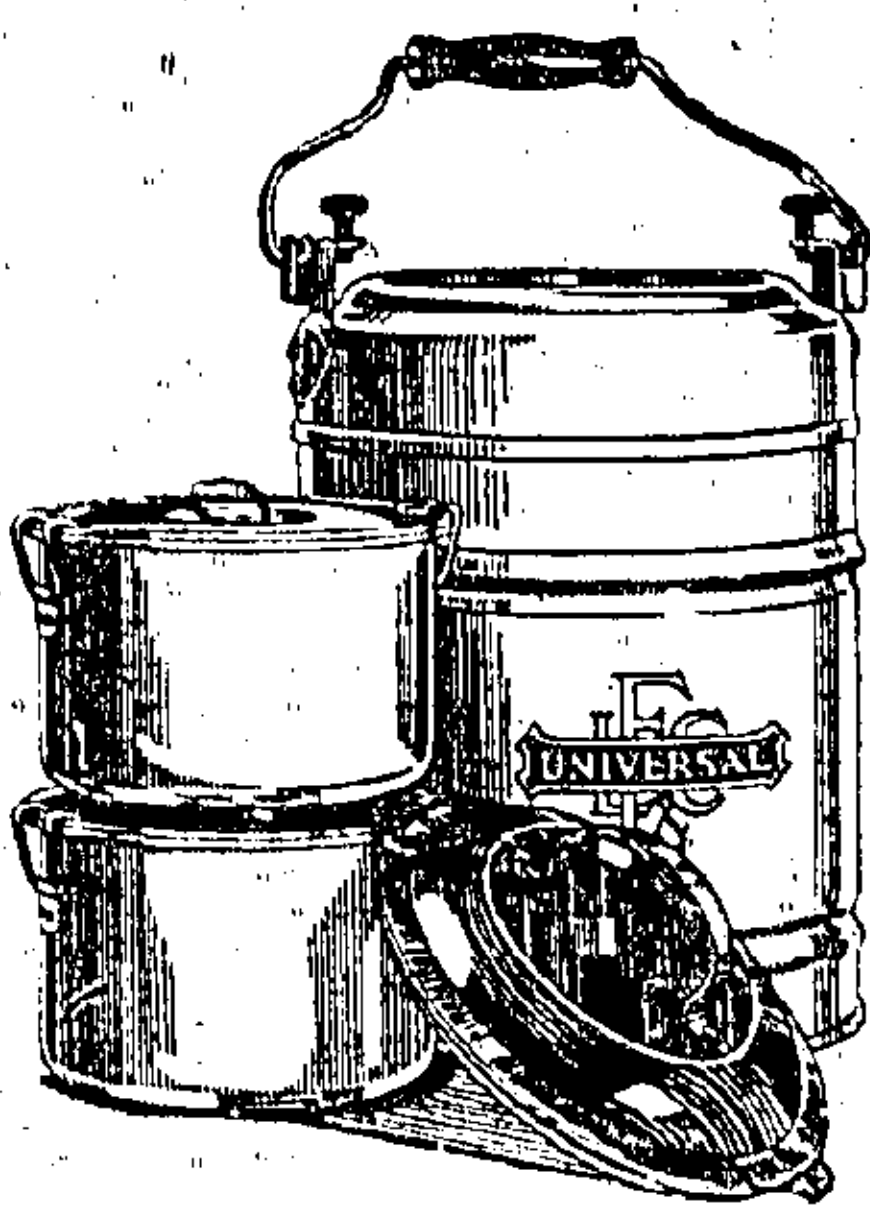
then they should have sent a servant to accompany the goods. This, to my knowledge, is very frequently done in such cases and the cost here would be very little.

I therefore find that plaintiffs have not proved defendants were negligent and I give judgment for defendants with costs.

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BUSY DAY AT THE REGISTRY

The following weddings took place at the Registry yesterday:—

Mr. Ng Yu-man, merchant, of No. 93, Prince Edward Road, and Miss Ho Sin-ye of No. 12, Kilung Street.

Mr. Poon Cho-ming, student, of No. 46, Sung Street, Kowloon City, and Miss Fung Yun-ku, sister of the well-known novice jockey and owner, Mr. K. W. Fung.

Mr. Li Ngon, merchant, of No. 360, Lockhart Road, and Miss But Wing-hung of No. 322, Hennessy Road.

L/Bdr. J. Hickman, of Mt. Davis Barracks, and Miss Tsang Yuk-lin of No. 85B, Hennessy Road.

Mr. Au Kan-shek, schoolmaster, residing at No. 73, Spring Garden Lane, and Miss Loo Chiu-sui, teacher, of No. 59, Spring Garden Lane.

Mr. Pun Kwong-chak, of No. 6, Shepherd Street, Tai Hang, and Miss Chan Kam-ping, teacher, of No. 5, Perfection Place, Tai Hang.

Mr. Robert Tsui, draughtsman, residing at No. 80, Tak Ku Ling Road, Kowloon City, and Miss Annie Chung of No. 90, Queen's Road East.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated at the first four, and Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, at the other three ceremonies.

FIRST AID TO THE INJURED

SUCCESSFUL GIRL GUIDE CANDIDATES

The following members of the Girl Guides Association who took their examination at St. John Ambulance Headquarters on Jan. 3 qualified successfully in "First Aid to the Injured":—

Vivian Rull, Julia Azevedo, Lucy Fung, Marjorie Wong, Alma Chan, Wat Kam Chan, Hui Kwai Nin, Wei Woon Yee, Lydia Oozio, Emily Chan, Norma Chan, Iris Tsang, Hui Kam Ping, Wong Chai Xue, Wei Woon Man.

Certificates when ready will be issued to them through the Girl Guides Association.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

CHINESE ESTATES, LIMITED.

FOURTH INTERIM DIVIDEND

NOTICE is hereby given that a FOURTH INTERIM DIVIDEND for the year ending the 28th February, 1941, of two per cent, that is \$2.00 per share, will be paid on all shares in this Company on Wednesday, the 15th January, 1941 at the Company's Office at China Building, 5th floor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 15th January, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
FUNG PING FAN,
Director & Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th January, 1941.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificates 6/NS. 4412 dated Hongkong, 16th January, 1936 for Three shares of this Bank numbered 97994/97996 inclusive registered in the names of Messrs. Manek Roostumjee Mehta and Dhun Manek Mehta has been Lost or Stolen, and should this certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 11th January, 1941, a new certificate for the shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 6/NS. 4412 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
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NOTICE

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

It is hereby notified that as from January 6, 1941, the telephone number of the Hongkong Daily Press, Marina House, will be

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instead of 30251 as hitherto.

The other line, 33383, remains unchanged.
January, 6, 1941.

Tragic Death Of H.K.-Born Pilot Officer

Flying Officer John Peter Archibald Davidson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Davidson of Hongkong, news of whose death in a flying accident was received during the week-end, was born in the Colony in 1916 and attended the Peak School from the age of 6 to 8.

His later schooling was completed in England. He was educated at Charterhouse and St. John's College, Cambridge. He took 1st Class Honours with distinction in the Law Tripos and after war had been declared and he was called up, he sat for his Bar Finals and secured 2nd Class Honours with a minimum of preparation.

For some time prior to the accident he had been piloting and commanding a Wellington bomber in night raids over Germany. No details have yet been received of the accident in which he lost his life other than that it was in a crash in landing.

The most sincere sympathy of the local community will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Davidson in their bereavement.

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CALL TO ARMS

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S eagerly awaited message to the United States Congress will probably go down in history as the most outright condemnation of the Dictator countries by the head of a nation which has based its foreign policy on the principle of non-belligerent non-neutrality. It was a veritable call to arms to withstand "the new order of tyranny which seeks to spread over every country today." The President's words were listened to with rapt attention by the members of Congress and by the representatives of those countries who have lined themselves up on the side of the Democracies in order to prevent the forces of might from usurping the rights of humanity. The tremendous ovation which Mr. Roosevelt received at the conclusion of his address augurs well for the manner in which the Congress will begin its task of analysing the full purport of the President's words and the putting into operation of the plans which he placed before this august body to save civilisation from destruction.

COMING as it did on the heels of the second great victory which the British troops and their allies have scored against the junior partner of the Axis, Mr. Roosevelt's indictment of the Totalitarian States and his plea for the fullest American support to those nations who are resisting aggression can already be considered as being answered by a majority agreement to get the industrial and economic machinery of the country working at high speed to implement the scheme which he outlined for the immediate future. Particular significance is found in Mr. Roosevelt's reference to "the small group of selfish men who would clip the wings of the American Eagle in order to feather their own nest." In these words, the President warned those who were seeking to influence public opinion in the United States towards a policy of appeasement in dealing with the European Dictatorships. If ever the head of a state reached right out to the heart of a nation, Mr. Roosevelt did and the attitude of the United States will no longer be in doubt on the issue which confronts the whole world.

CALL TO PRAYER

ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE spiritual efforts in the history of Christianity began on Sunday last when the Universal Week of Prayer organised by the World Evangelical Alliance was launched throughout the Christian world. During this week, a multitude of people of all races and nationalities who have adopted the Christian faith will respond to the call to prayer—they will pray for their own nation and nations throughout the universe; they will pray for their own homes and relatives and those of other people; they will pray for spiritual truth and courage. This call to prayer has been sent to every part of the world and has

27 CATTIES TO DOLLAR
All-Time Record Price Of Firewood In Colony

"RING" CORNER LOCAL MARKET

After having been on the upward tendency for the past eight or nine months, THE PRICE OF FIREWOOD HAS NOW REACHED THE ALL-TIME RECORD OF 27 CATTIES TO A DOLLAR—as compared to 33 catties of last Friday, and 37 catties of about a month ago. In April last firewood could be obtained at 80 catties to a dollar.

FAMOUS
BRITISH
AIRWOMAN
MISSING

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter) — Amy Johnson — famous British airwoman and the first woman to complete the London to Australia and back flight—is reported missing.

Flying as an Air Transport Auxiliary pilot, which service she joined early in the war, something happened to her machine over the Thames Estuary, and the plane dived into the sea.



AMY JOHNSON

A later message stated that Miss Amy Johnson baled out from her plane over the Thames Estuary on Sunday but an R.A.F. speedboat failed to find her although flight authorisation papers from the machine were discovered.

been translated into many languages so that every Christian will be able to pray for the same thing. The principles of this common act of prayer follow the pronouncements which have so frequently been made by leaders of the churches in England. In broad terms, these principles are based on the right of every nation to an independent existence, the protection of the rights of minorities, the submission of human statutes to the sacred and inviolable standards of the laws of God and a fair distribution and equal opportunities for all.

THERE IS, of course, a great gulf between these principles and aspirations and the actual state of the world today, but there is no way in which men can become so deeply united today than by the act of prayer and the true church should be able to give the world the power of forgiveness and a new life. In Hongkong, the call to prayer began on Monday, when the Rev. J. R. Higgs took the opportunity to remind those who attended the first service of their responsibilities in this war. Mr. Higgs asked his hearers to give up complacency in order to make the power of prayer effective in bringing about a better world. The difficulty is that though it is easy to talk about the power of prayer, it is not easy to live a prayerful life and the object of the week of prayer is to make it clear that supplication to the Almighty can help to win peace just as it can help to win war.

"The reasons" ("excuses" would have been a more appropriate word) for this continuous rise is the lack of shipping facilities from Singapore and other exporting centres, and the "tremendous increase in the freight charges".

According to "usually reliable sources, the price of firewood here is controlled by a "ring" which book all the shipments before their arrival, and so corner the local market.

Unlike rice, firewood is a commodity which could be kept in stock indefinitely.

GOVERNMENT WARNED

Government have received innumerable warnings — and must be fully aware — of the steady increase by the ever-growing number of cases of "unlawful possession of wild tree wood" which have come before the Magistrates during the past two or three months. The pleas returned by those arrested were invariably, "I am too poor to buy firewood".

Now that the market is in the same condition as that of rice before prices were controlled, it is to be hoped that Government would take IMMEDIATE steps to "keep the price within reasonable bounds—and so alleviate the hardships of not only the poor but also of the working class in general.

As the prices of charcoal have also been going up by leaps and bounds (in one instance, from \$3.20 in July last to \$5.80 of last Monday), Government could do worse than to include this fuel in any price control action it may take.

PRICE STABILISATION

CHUNGKING, Jan. 7 (Reuter) — It is learned today that the Chinese Government is establishing a powerful price stabilisation body for more effective economic control.

The new organisation will take charge of the stabilisation of three groups of prices—rice, commodities and labour.

BILLIARDS
"SOCIAL"
AT Y.M.C.A.

Members of the Y. M. C. A. billiards team had a "social" billiards competition last night when two novelty matches were played. In the first, F. Bowrey won among 13 others in scoring the required 15 points without touching a plate.

FIRST TIME

The other game, "billiard bowls" was introduced for the first time by C. Terran last night. Sixteen entries were run off in pairs, and C. Terran and J. Moulton won.

The Y. M. C. A. team will meet every Tuesday, from 7.30 to 11 p.m., until the end of April.

UNIVERSAL WEEK
OF PRAYER

There was another large attendance at the second of the series of evening services being held in connexion with the Universal Week of Prayer, at St. John's Cathedral yesterday which was conducted by the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, M.A., Dean of the Cathedral.

Rev. Frank Short will officiate at this evening's service.

CHESS RESULTS

Results last night in the Junior Tournament of the Kowloon Chess Club were:—A. C. Poupard beat V. V. Kolatchoff, D. Drake beat G. Benjamin, and J. Grefalda beat Th. Laufer.

Five entries have been received so far for the Colony Open Chess Championship. Players entered are C. M. Sequeira, D. E. de Carvalho, K. Wells, G. S. Coxhead and L. Karpovich.

LETTERS IN
ENGLISH
LITERATUREINTERESTING TALK
BY PROF. SIMPSON

A very interesting paper on "Letters in English Literature" was read by Prof. R. K. M. Simpson to the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Branch of the English Association yesterday evening at the Helena May Institute. His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lt. Gen. E. F. Norton, presided.

Prof. Simpson said, in part:—"When I begin with the hypothesis that letter-writing was the primary form of literature, I am tempted to ask the heresy that it was also the earliest. It is the form of writing nearest to speech, and must have originated in the unsophisticated desire to communicate with some one who, being absent, could not be spoken to."

"Therefore an a priori argument might be advanced that the art of letters began before either the art of poetry, or of history. Speculative historians name Atossa as the first letter-writer."

INVENTOR A WOMAN

"If letter-writing, as a pleasure, had to be invented, none will quarrel with the idea that the inventor was a woman; because all men concur in Saintsbury's opinion that 'Women write the best letters, and get the best letters written to them.'"

"But there was a woman letter-writer long before that. The Bible quotes in full a letter written two centuries earlier (Seventh Century B.C.), by a queen who was probably a contemporary of Homer. I refer to the letter which Jezebel wrote to the elders of Jezreel."

"Wide gaps in what has survived of general correspondence, are explained, by the Philistine, as due to the fact that letters and letter-writing can only flourish during peaceful eras, when intercommunication is regular, rapid and easy. But in case this idea should depress us unduly during our present spell of difficult postal service, we should remember that the first big collections of ancient letters, other than official records, date from the 15th century."

"This was a century of transition, of disturbance in social conditions as well as in language, and finally of civil war—the War of the Roses. In the 19th century,

16 Million Aided By National
Relief Commission

The total number of Chinese refugees aided financially or otherwise by the National Relief Commission last year reached more than 16,000,000, said Mr. Chu Ying-kwang, Vice-Chairman of the Commission in an interview with CENTRAL NEWS.

Mr. Chu arrived in Hongkong from Chungking about two weeks ago to inspect the Commission's relief work here. After attending the annual meeting of the National Red Cross Society of China to be held here about Feb. 10, he will proceed to Kwangtung and Kwangsi to continue his inspection. He went to Macao on December 29 to inspect the relief work there and returned here on December 31.

Owing to their proximity to the war zones, Hunan and Kiangsi, Mr. Chu said, had the largest number of refugees, between 150,000 and 200,000. Efforts to shift them to the rear have proved unavailing as they prefer to stay where they are waiting for the day of recovery of the lost territory to return to their home towns or villages.

Refugees in the Huanglungshan areas in Shensi number about 30,000. They are reclaiming waste land.

The Commission spent a total of over \$37,000,000 for relief last year, though the budget was fixed at \$2,000,000, Mr. Chu revealed.

CHILD WELFARE

Relief work of the Commission, Mr. Chu further disclosed, is carried out under the following categories: provision of temporary shelters and transportation facilities, labour relief, child welfare and education and extension of credit loans.

Regarding the first type of work, Mr. Chu said that a network of refugee relief stations has been established throughout Free China. Upon application a refugee will be given temporary lodging and food at any of the stations and will also be provided with transportation facilities if needed. Refugee camps have also been set up in large numbers in various places to take care of the aged, the infirm and the deformed.

For labour relief, Mr. Chu said, some 17 factories have been established in different provinces. Capitalised around \$100,000 each, factory accommodates between 300 and 500 refugees who make paper,

"Invisible" War In Pacific
As 1940 Ends With China
Still Unconquered

SHANGHAI, Dec. 30.—While German sea raiders carried the European war into the western Pacific and frontier hostilities bubbled intermittently in the jungles on the Thailand-French Indo-China border, Japan's push southward against European colonial possessions was temporarily overshadowed by her still unsuccessful effort to conquer China as the year 1940 ended.

Behind the scenes of the Sino-Japanese struggle loomed a still more important "invisible" war, with the United States and Great Britain attempting—by substantial outright aid to China and economic measures—to check Japanese expansion which threatened their positions as Pacific powers.

U.S.-JAPAN

Many feared that 1941 would bring Japan and the United States into open conflict either through American involvement in the European war against Japan's military alliance partners, Germany and Italy, or as a result of American opposition to further Japanese moves in the Orient.

The year 1940 brought a steady deterioration in United States-Japanese relations starting with expiration of the trade treaty Jan. 26 which was followed by a ban on sales of various American war materials to Japan.

In spite of U.S. warnings as to disturbance of the status quo the Japanese, using force and threats of force, marched into French Indo-China in September and took virtual control of the northern part of the rich colony while severing Chungking's supply line. The Haiphong-Kunming Railway.

While Japanese leaders openly discussed the possibility of a "life

the stream may be said to have risen to a flood."

(The speaker went on to relate Morley's experience, when preparing to write his "Life of Gladstone," in being confronted with a "houseful of letters." There were 60,000 selected letters in the stone collection, including five or six hundred holographs from Queen Victoria and carefully filed copies of Gladstone's writings to other people, amounting to "several tens of thousands."

His Excellency thanked the speaker after which discussion was invited. Among those who spoke were Mr. H. C. Macnamara, Mr. H. L. Mackenzie, Mr. K. B. Valdiva and Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C.

and death war" against the United States. Japan in September signed the Italo-German Axis alliance pact.

The United States countered by restricting the sale of scrap iron to Japan while Britain abandoned her policy of appeasing Japan and reopened the Burma Road, one of Free China's last two wartime life lines.

American women and children evacuated the Far East by the thousands in response to a state department suggestion in October and the United States increased its military, naval and aerial strength in the Philippines to its greatest peak in modern years.

BRITAIN PREPARES

Britain after withdrawing her troops from China, likewise prepared for a showdown with Japan by reinforcing Hongkong and Singapore defences.

The year now closing brought further disruption of the American missionary effort in China and also Japan. In China additional mission stations were closed and the mission workers departed for safer areas in the interior of China or returned to the United States. Virtually all American missionaries have left Japan.

American wartime relief in China continued to increase with both the Red Cross and all denominations and churches pouring more funds, foodstuffs and medical supplies into all parts of the country, including the areas under Japanese control.

JAPANESE RESTRICTIONS

New Japanese restrictions handcuffed American traders in the Orient. Similar restrictions were expected in Indo-China, thus adding to the original cause of Japanese-United States friction.

Thus the lines of differences between the Pacific powers were clearly drawn.

In the current Japanese-French Indo-China talks at Tokyo and the Japanese-Netherlands East Indies negotiations starting in Batavia next week, Japan is making what she described as a "final" peaceful effort to obtain materials and trade increasingly needed by her creaking industrial machine including all-important NEI oil.

JAPAN'S AMBITIONS

Foreign experts are convinced that unless Japan's demands are met by the French and the Dutch Japan is prepared to use force to satisfy her economic and military ambitions in Indo-China and the NEI.

Any British setback in Europe may be the signal for a further Nippon southward drive for which Japan has long been concentrating materials on Hainan and Formosa and building advance submarine and seaplane bases in the Spratly Islands within striking distance of both Singapore and Java.

Japan is looking to Germany to keep Russia too preoccupied in Europe to menace the Nippon northern flank in event of extension of Tokyo's southward campaign.

Foreign military observers here regard Germany's current troop movements into the Balkans as partially satisfying Tokyo's expectations in this respect.

SINO-JAPANESE WAR

In the 43-months-old undeclared Sino-Japanese war, as long predicted, Japan finally reached the high point of her penetration of China during 1940 and was forced to evacuate Kwangsi and southwestern Kwangtung after losing 75,000 troops. Beyond the capture of Ichang, at the entrance to the Yangtze river gorges, the Japanese made no major military effort but on the contrary she shortened her lines while consolidating her control over key cities.

Encouraged by Anglo-American aid and by increasing signs that Japan is weakening internally and militarily, the Chinese continued to build for the "third phase" of the war when Chinese leaders promised to take the offensive possibly during 1941.

Japan's formal recognition of the Nanking puppet Wang Ching-wel, and her signature of a "peace treaty" with Wang proved to be a boomerang bringing new Anglo-American financial and moral assistance and Soviet aid to Free China.

HEAVY JAP. CASUALTIES IN SHANSI FIGHTING

Chinese Smash Way Into Jihchao: Train Mined

LOYANG, Jan. 7 (Central)—More than 1,000 casualties have been inflicted upon the Japanese troops by the Chinese as the result of a four-day sanguinary battle fought on the snow-covered slopes of the Tahang mountain range in southern Shansi. In the latter part of December, field dispatches from the Shansi front revealed.

On Dec. 22, a large Japanese force of over 4,000 men based on Lantsueh and Palshan north of Poai launched a multi-offensive on Chinese strongholds in the Tahang mountain area. The invaders immediately clashed with the Chinese entrenched in their strongly fortified positions. Violent fighting ensued and lasted for four days and nights, during which the Japanese attacks were repulsed with severe losses.

Routed on Dec. 26, the Japanese suffered further casualties when pursued by the Chinese. Since then, the Japanese have made no further attempt to stage large-scale raids on Chinese defenses in southern Shansi.

In the Tung-Pu Railway zone, the Chinese were equally successful. On Dec. 24, a Japanese train speeding northward struck a Chinese mine in the vicinity of Yikow south of Houma and was badly damaged. The incident resulted in the destruction of the locomotive and four coaches and the derailment of five others.

The driver, three firemen and some forty Japanese soldiers were killed, and traffic on the railway was interrupted for more than 30 hours.

DETACHMENT AMRUSHED

On Dec. 25 and 26, a Japanese detachment raiding the various points on the Changmao highway was intercepted and ambushed by Chinese artillery units.

Col. Hira, commander of the detachment, and more than 10 other Japanese officers were seriously wounded in action, while

some 100 Japanese soldiers were killed, among whom was a squad commander named Shirashii.

SHANTUNG FRONT

SOUTH SHANTUNG, Jan. 7 (Central)—Chinese forces in Shantung have scored successes over the Japanese in a series of raids in the past week.

In a daring attack on Jihchao, on the south-east coast, a few days ago, the Chinese smashed into the city and inflicted heavy casualties on the Japanese garrison.

STRATEGIC POINTS TAKEN Simultaneously with the assault on Jihchao, another Chinese force attacked Ankiu and Fangtse, north-west of Kaomi, and recovered a number of strategic points in the vicinity. The Japanese, sustaining numerous losses, retreated inside Ankiu and Fangtse.

Over 1,000 Japanese at Tenghsien, on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway in south Shantung, suffered a defeat in their westward drive recently. Part of them were thrown back by the Chinese while the rest were decimated.



Mr. Harry Hopkins, former U.S. Secretary of Commerce, who is being sent to London by President Roosevelt as his personal representative.

Only Three British Ships Sunk In Week

HUGE LOSSES BY THE ENEMY

The Admiralty announced yesterday that only three British ships were lost during the week ending Jan. 5, making a total of just over 18,000 tons, states a London message.

This was in addition to four Allied ships, making a total of seven ships of a total tonnage of 37,500 tons.

These figures are lower than they have been for many weeks and for the third week in succession are lower than the weekly average of just under 70,000 tons.

NEW STEPS TAKEN

New steps are being taken to deal with the submarine menace and attacks in the air, but it was stated in London that the bad weather may have accounted for this low figure as there may have been fewer submarines out on patrol and also to the fact that fewer ships have been at sea for the same reason.

It is also pointed out that long-range German bombers were also less active because of weather conditions.

Enemy shipping losses since the war began are 1,275,000 tons of German shipping, 455,000 tons of Italian shipping and 46,000 tons of neutral shipping under enemy control. The total enemy losses, therefore, were over 1,750,000 gross tons.

Japanese Protest To Britain

SEARCHING AT BERMUDA

It was announced in Tokyo yesterday that Mr. Matsuo, the Japanese Foreign Minister, has sent a protest to Britain against the detention and searching of Japanese merchant vessels at Bermuda, says a London message.

It will be recalled, adds Reuter, that a Japanese press message from New York reported that the Japanese were on their way to Germany aboard the S.S. Excalibur, having left New York on Dec. 21, and were subjected to severe punishment by the British authorities when the vessel called at Bermuda.

SEARCHED BAGGAGE

The Bermuda authorities are reported to have questioned the Japanese in regard to their purpose in going to Germany, to have searched their baggage, confiscating a number of documents and letters and confiscating funds in the possession of nine passengers.

The message stated the reason given for the seizure of the money was to prevent foreign currency getting to Germany.

S'hai Volunteers Leave For India

SHANGHAI, Jan. 7 (Reuter)—Another small contingent of volunteers for the British forces has left here for India where they are joining the Indian Army.

Hitherto, 135 volunteers have left Shanghai although many others have volunteered from other parts in China.

SINO-MALAYAN ACCORD IS STRESSED BY GEN. WU IN SINGAPORE INTERVIEW

REAFFIRMATION OF WHAT HE HAD EMPHASISED BEFORE, THAT CO-OPERATION BETWEEN CHINESE IN MALAYA AND THE AUTHORITIES SHOULD NOT BE ONLY FOR THE PROSPERITY OF THE COUNTRY BUT ALSO FOR THE SECURITY OF THE FAR EAST—a security vital to the security of China—was on Dec. 30 made by GENERAL WU TE-CHEN, Chinese goodwill envoy to Malaya on his return after a month's tour up-country, reports the Malaya Tribune.

"The Chinese here have now realised the necessity of co-operation between China, Great Britain, and British Malaya, a co-operation which will lead to the security of the Far East, which also means security for China," declared General Wu in an interview.

GENERAL WU, who had been away since the end of November, was met by over 200 representatives of various associations at the railway station.

COURTESY VISIT

"I am glad to visit Singapore again," he stated, adding that he would be paying a courtesy visit to the Governor, Sir Shenton Thomas, shortly "to thank him for the courtesy extended to me and my party while on our tour."

The General said that in his tour, he had found in all the places he visited, the authorities very congenial and friendly and the people very enthusiastic and hospitable.

"A feature I noticed was that the Chinese realized the value of co-operation between China, Great Britain and Malaya."

MALAYAN CHINESE

Of Malayan Chinese, General Wu said that "they are working very hard and industriously... are also very eager to learn of the situation in China... and interested in everything that is going on at home as well as here."

General Wu added that in the course of his tour he had also made a study of the administration of the country and developments of the cities and towns and rural districts.

AFTER THE WAR

"After the war the reconstruction and rehabilitation of China will be great," he declared, although declining to state whether methods used here would be applied in China later.

"In respect of the security of Malaya, I would like to appeal to all Chinese here to do

140 SPEECHES IN 6 WEEKS

No fewer than 140 speeches were made by General Wu Te-chien, China's goodwill envoy to Malaya, during his tour through the country within a space of six weeks.

General Wu, who returned to Singapore on Dec. 29 by train has during the six weeks visited 63 towns, covering an area of about 2,000 miles.

The figures were disclosed by General Cohen, his A.D.C., who had made a point of keeping a record of them.

General Wu will be leaving Singapore shortly, and in the meantime intends to take a well-earned rest.

Thai-Indo-Chinese Clashes Reported

VICHEY, Jan. 7 (Reuter)—Continued fighting on the Thai-Indo-Chinese frontier is reported here.

A strong Thai reconnaissance column was counter-attacked on Friday by French troops and withdrew after having sustained losses.

On Saturday, Thai artillery shelled Bannapaksoum, 47 miles south-east of Saouannakhet. The French carried out reprisals on Kemmarat.

"their bit," General Wu said, adding that before he made his way back, he intended to give them a special message.

MARSHAL GRAZIANI IN DIRE PLIGHT IN LIBYA

CAIRO, Jan. 7 (Reuter)—The Italian front line now is Tobruk—Marshal Graziani's big naval and air base nearly 100 miles inside Libya and between Bardia (which is now completely flanked up) and Tobruk, there are virtually no Italian troops, writes Reuter's Special correspondent at British Headquarters in the western Desert.

British patrols cover the whole intervening country.

Tobruk's defences consist of two perimeters while Bardia had only one. The outer perimeter of Tobruk is of about 25 miles circumference and the inner one of about 11 miles.

Whatever the future course of events in Libya, it is certain that Marshal Graziani is in a very serious position. Apart from the huge number of Italian prisoners, he had lost about half his total supplies of guns, lorries, ammunition and other war materials available for the Italian Army in Libya.

"Either Graziani is a very bad general or he had been pushed into unwise actions by the Fascist Party," said a high British officer when giving me his conclusions on the campaign which culminated in the fall of Bardia.

GRAZIANI PUSHED

The Italians were most unwise, he said, to advance without securing themselves against such a defeat as the British forces have now delivered. But it appears probable that Graziani was forced to do this against his better judgment.

The Italian Intelligence section has also been at fault. It has been consistently wrong concerning the numbers of British troops engaged, sometimes grossly over-estimating and at other times being completely unaware of their presence.

CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter)—"Heartiest congratulations on the memorable part played by the Australian forces in the victory over Bardia," says a telegram from the Dominions Secretary, Viscount Cranborne, to Mr. R.G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister.

"By their courage and dash they have added fresh lustre to their name and have rendered inestimable service to our common cause," it concludes.

Serious Situation Averted

TIENTSIN NIGHT CLUB CLASH

TIENTSIN, Jan. 4 (Delayed) (Reuter)—Italian and Japanese officials intervened and averted what threatened to be a serious situation early yesterday morning following a clash between a group of Italian marines and three Japanese soldiers at the Apollo Night Club situated on the Italian Bund.

The fight is reported to have continued for more than an hour during which it is stated one Japanese sustained a head injury, another had a leg wounded, while one Italian is said to have had his cheek cut by a sidearm.

FULLY EQUIPPED

As soon as news of the brawl reached their ears, Japanese residents, fully equipped, turned out in strength, desiring to take into custody the responsible Italians.

The marines, however, declined to leave the premises. After barricading themselves inside and arming themselves with revolvers secured from Chinese constables, they phoned to the barracks for help and a lorryload of marines with machine-guns soon dashed to the scene but tempers cooled down on the arrival of Italian and Japanese officials who began negotiations after the participants in the fight had been taken into custody.

It is not yet decided which party will shoulder the considerable damage suffered by the night club.

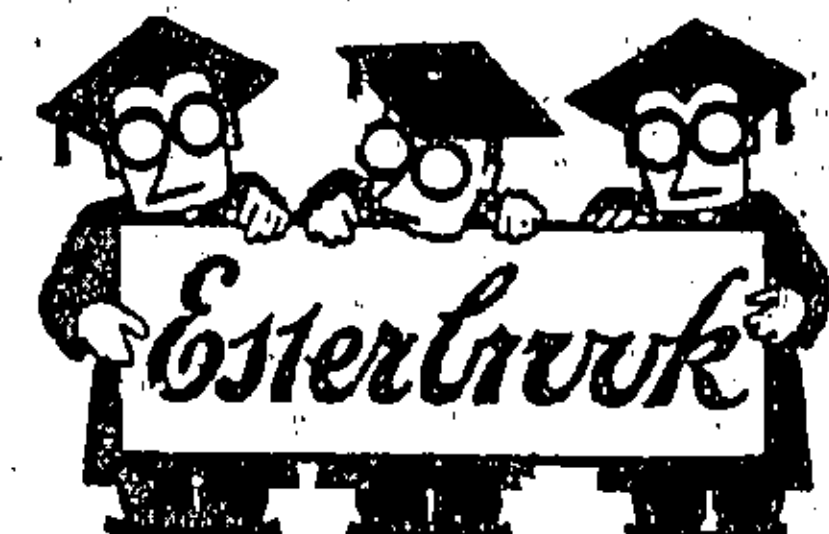


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British Drive To Speed War

FOUR COMMITTEES INSTITUTED

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter)—A spectacular new "speed the war" drive is disclosed in an official announcement from Downing Street last night, to the effect that the Prime Minister has instituted four committees to "obtain more rapid and decisive action."

One committee will push production, the second will control imports, the third, under Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister Without Portfolio, will study post-war production, paving the way for the Ministry of Reconstruction "when the end can be more clearly foreseen."

Each committee will be composed of Cabinet Ministers—experts on the various problems—and the Chairmen will sit on the fourth committee. The latter committee will be responsible to the Prime Minister and the War Cabinet and will be able swiftly to coordinate all decisions.

TOKYO, Jan. 7 (Reuter)—The trade talks between Japan and the Soviet in Moscow have been suspended temporarily while the negotiations for a temporary Fisheries Pact struck a last-minute snag on Dec. 31 when the old agreement expired, the Foreign Office spokesman admitted this morning.

Japan, however, is not hurrying the fisheries negotiations in view of the former agreements which have been concluded much later.

IN GOOD HEART AND HEALTH

INDIAN UNITS IN THE SUDAN

NEW DELHI, Jan. 7 (Reuter)—Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Premier of Punjab, has completed his visit to the Sudan where he met the representatives of all Indian units now there and told them that they were not only fighting the King's battle but the battle of their motherland, and that they would return victorious.

He said that he was glad to see the Indian troops in the Sudan in such good heart and health. The units engaged in recent battles "had done splendidly," displaying courage and skill.

When full details are published, they will reveal that Indian troops have lived up to the highest tradition of the Indian Army with its reputation for clean and brave fighting.

PEIPING INCIDENT NEGOTIATIONS

PEIPING, Jan. 7 (Reuter)—Negotiations concerning the incident in which United States marines were detained by the Japanese Police after a dispute in a Peiping cabaret have been transferred to Washington and Tokyo.

This interpretation is placed on a statement issued yesterday by Colonel Turnage, Commanding the United States Marine Embassy Guard in Peiping.

The statement reads: "I have received instructions to confine my future action solely to the receipt of apologies from the Japanese authorities."

Congress May Repeal The Johnson Act

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enough, while a few isolationists deplore the speech, because they think it brought United States closer to war.

One speaker of the former group, who think that the President did not go far enough said: "If it is our war, why are we not in it?"

Governor London commenting on the speech said: "The President's speech has shifted the United States further towards active participation in the war."

The majority of the opinion of the United States is represented in the NEW YORK TIMES which says that there cannot be the slightest doubt of the course which the United States has been set.

AN INSPIRATION

The reaction in official circles in London to the President's speech is that it is an inspiration to the

REPORTED GERMAN ULTIMATUM TO BULGARIA

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by fostering a vague sense of menace. This relation in the propaganda scheme between Italy's failures and Germany's threat is revealed in one line taken by the Nazis.

IMPENDING EVENT

In the United States the brilliant British success at Bardia is overshadowed by reports of an impending event in the Balkans while these in turn take second place to an expectation of a direct attack on Britain.

This particular campaign has now reached a familiar phase of every Nazi propaganda cycle and yesterday Berlin began expressing aggrieved surprise at the alarmist stories it has itself inspired and

encouraged and alleging that they were of "foreign" origin.

Regarding Bulgaria, the Wilhelmstrasse asserted the German attitude was based on the traditional friendship between the two countries but added a comment of sinister import that no information could be given of "details of co-operation" with Sofia.

A large part of Europe has learned to its cost in the last year what "co-operation" with the Nazi regime may imply.

SPECTACULAR STROKE

Evidence available in London does not permit observers to draw any definite conclusions as to the Nazi intentions. Hitler's need for some spectacular stroke to distract attention and reassure opinion is certainly much greater than when the Prime Minister pointed to it before Christmas as one of the principal factors in the situation.

On the other hand, the Nazis must be aware of the many disadvantages of embarking on new adventures in south-eastern Europe at the present moment.

As to the great gamble of an attempt to invade Britain, any setback to German arms, which in other circumstances might have been explained away, coming now on top of the Italian reverses, might be serious in its effect on the morale of the German people.

VEILED RESISTANCE

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter)—Open or veiled resistance against the establishment of a new order is increasing in the Balkans, states a report from the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French agency which gives a different view of the situation in that corner of Europe to that given by recent German propaganda stories of invasion of Bulgaria, the movements of troops and threats in the Balkans, etc.

Germany, he says, is openly hoping that Yugoslavia will solemnly declare herself in favour of the new order and is even expecting the arrival in Berlin of the Yugoslavian minister.

The recent Treaty of Friendship between Hungary and Yugoslavia, according to intentions in Berlin, was to have been followed by such a declaration on the part of Yugoslavia.

But the German intrigue in Yugoslavia alarmed the authorities who took prompt action against factions suspected of playing Germany's game.

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter)—Last December was Switzerland's coldest for 40 years, according to the Berne meteorological observatory, states the Lyons Radio.

Office Of S'hai Paper Bombed

SINO BUSINESSMAN ABDUCTED

CHUNGKING, Jan. 7 (Central)—Four pedestrians were wounded in front of the Shun Pao, leading Chinese daily in Shanghai, about 11 p.m. yesterday when a bomb exploded into the office of the paper plodded after striking the iron

The incident was the second two consecutive days. On Monday evening a hand-grenade discovered in front of the newspaper and was removed by police before it exploded.

KIDNAPPING OUTRAGE

Yang Cho-lin, proprietor of the Cheng Ziang Dyeing Store, the latest victim of kidnapping in Shanghai.

ng, riding in his private car, intercepted by armed kidnappers at the corner of Avenue VII and Tamshui Road, north Concession about 11 and was carried off to the western "badlands."

THE WEATHER

um temperature yesterday and the minimum 68. Rainfall since Jan. 1 is 0.00 against an average of 0.16. Royal Observatory report

is highest over N. Japan, the adjacent Pacific; it is to increase over Mongolia. Depression is apparently stalled between Kagoshima and

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LONE PLANE BOMB LONDON, KENT

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Bombs were dropped in the London area, in Kent and in the eastern counties by single German aircraft, which flew over these areas on several occasions yesterday, states the Air Ministry.

Some damage was done to houses and shops, and a small number of people were killed and injured.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Jan. 7.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.08 ins.
Temperature, 71 F.
Humidity, 84 per cent.
Wind Direction, Calm.
Wind Force (Beaufort), nil.
Temperature: Maximum yesterday, 74 F.
Temperature: minimum last night, 67 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st, nil.
Against an average of 0.36 ins.
Sunset tonight, 5.55 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7.05 a.m.
4 p.m., Jan. 7.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.69 ins.
Temperature, 70 F.
Humidity, 86 per cent.
Wind Direction, W.N.W.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.
Maximum temperature, 76 F.
Minimum temperature, 68 F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 6 to 14 Jan. 1941.

High Water.		Low Water.	
Days of Week	Time	Days of Week	Time
Wed. 8	h. m. 05 21	h. m. 01 16	h. m. 03 35
Thurs. 9	07 16	00 39	01 09
Fri. 10	08 22	01 45	01 52
Sat. 11	09 27	02 51	02 57
Sun. 12	10 33	03 57	03 57
Mon. 13	11 39	05 03	04 53
Tues. 14	12 45	06 09	05 59

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

POLICE SEAMAN IN COURT

A Water Police seaman and four other unemployed were charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday on a count of robbery by two or more, and were all remanded 72 hours in Police custody.

The accused were Ho Sui-wah, 28, water police seaman W77, Lam Fook, alias Keung Fook, 30, unemployed seaman, Tsang Wing-pan, 34, unemployed boatman, Wong Wai-pang alias Chan Hung, 38, unemployed earth cooler, and Lau Lam, 36, unemployed odd job cooler.

They were alleged to have robbed Chan Kai of \$145 and Ho Yui of \$150 at No. 359 Lockhart Road, first floor, on Jan. 4, together with two others not in custody.

Det.-Sub-Insp. W. N. Darkin, in making the application for remand, said that it was for the purpose of further inquiries.

Ho Sui-wah is being represented by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios.

ROLLER SKATE ENTHUSIAST:
Pleading guilty to a charge of stealing five pairs of roller skates, valued at \$20, from a shoemaker's shop in Ewo Street, Jardine's Bazaar, on Monday, Tam Pak-shing, 20, shop foki, was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison said that the skates were taken to the shop to have straps put on. While the shoemaker was away defendant, apparently, took the skates away. He was seen with the skates and was arrested.

CANING FOR UNEMPLOYED:
Convicted on a charge of larceny of a woollen scarf from a woman, Chan Foon, 23, Lam Ying, 20, unemployed, was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment and 20 strokes of the cane by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett yesterday.

Insp. F. D. B. Tuckett prosecuted.

LARCENY BY TRICK:
Appearing on remand before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday, Yau Muk, 33, was sentenced to two months' hard labour, and Liu Mui, 30, bound over in the sum of \$20 for one year.

It is recalled that the defendants, husband and wife, were alleged to have obtained 10,000 electric torch bulbs from a shop in Kowloon by means of a trick on Dec. 31, when they appeared before Mr. Lowry last Saturday.

ACTOR FINED:
For entering a house at No. 92, Bonham Road on Jan. 6 at 1.30 p.m., and stealing a pair of shoes, valued at \$5, the property of a houseboy, Lau Cheung, 54, who described himself as an actor, was fined \$15, or in default, 18 days' hard labour by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

ACCUSED REMANDED:
Charged with stealing a fountain pen from Chui Tit-man at Queen's Road Central on Jan. 6, So Kam, 23, unemployed, and Tung Sui-lum, 16, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday. Second defendant claiming himself to be a juvenile, both defendants were remanded for 24 hours for enquiries.

Det.-Sgt. W. Summers is in charge of the case.

REMOVAL OF RICE:
A fine of \$500 each was imposed on Chan Fat, 40, junk agent, and Yeung Kai, 50, cargo owner, by Mr. Barnett yesterday on a charge of moving 198 bags of rice from Hongkong, or Kowloon, on board trading junk No. T4157H in Sha-twan Harbour on Jan. 6, without having first obtained a licence from the Controller of Trade.

Sgt. W. L. Kinloch said that during a routine search at 11 a.m. on Jan. 6, 193 bags of rice were found among other manifested cargo on board junk in question. On being asked, the defendants replied that they were put there because weather was unfavourable for sailing.

Second defendant said that he intended to export the rice before the prohibition was imposed but had to return, owing to bad weather.

POSSESSION OF DAGGER:
Hearing of the case in which Chan Po, 21, Tsui Choi, 24, and Ko Shum, alias Wong Pau-tai, 23, all unemployed, were charged with assault, with intent to rob, was concluded before Mr. Barnett yesterday, when they were committed to stand trial in the next criminal sessions.

The defendants were alleged to have assaulted Ho Po and Li Shui, with intent to rob them, at Kennedy Road, near McDonnell's Road, on Dec. 22. First defendant was additionally charged with unlawful possession of a dagger.

Det. Sub-Insp. J. O'Donovan was in charge of the case.

COMMITTED TO SESSIONS

Arrested in Shan Kwong Road on the night of Dec. 22 in actual possession of a pistol, Chu Chung-wing, 24, tailor, was charged before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy yesterday with the unlawful possession of an automatic pistol and four rounds of ammunition when committed proceedings were begun.

On the receipt of information P. C. 680, Kwong Chiu-sing went to Shan Kwong Road on Dec. 22 at 8.30 p.m. After waiting till about 11.45 p.m. he saw a Chinese male walking up Wongneichons Road into Shan Kwong Road. This man was pointed out to him by his "informant" as being in possession of a pistol. On searching the man the pistol was found in his right vest pocket.

Sgt. G. J. Perkins, Police armorer, testified that the pistol was of 7.65 calibre. It was in good working order and had been oiled since it was last fired. The magazine contained four rounds of ammunition.

After further evidence was heard defendant was committed to stand trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

Det. Sub-Insp. W. N. Darkin prosecuted while defendant was represented by Mr. C. A. Sutherland.

"HAS THE WEAPON BEEN FOUND OR NOT?"

"Has the weapon been found or not?" This question was alleged by a witness to have been put to him by defendant when Ng Chau man, sales manager, gave evidence yesterday at the continued hearing of the case in which a former employee of the Chung Wah Book Company is charged before Mr. Lowry with the murder of Ho Sung-nel, 32, accountant of the company, at No. 3 Gilman's Bazaar on Dec. 5.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det.-Insp. L. R. Whant, appeared for the prosecution.

Continuing his evidence, Ng told the Court that he had been employed by the company for 16 years and was the sales manager residing at company's branch at Queen's Road Central.

On the morning of Dec. 5 about 5 a.m. he was awakened by another foki, Tong Kai-sing, who made a report to him as a result of which he went to the first floor. Half-way down the stairs he saw a man and, as there was a light, he could see that it was the accused. When questioned, accused replied that he did not mean to frighten witness and when accused proceeded upstairs he did not appear to him (witness) to be normal.

Later witness was summoned to the company's stores in Gilman's Bazaar. When he arrived both the front and back doors were locked, but on his return from telephoning for the Police the back door had been broken open and he saw Wong Sui-kan (another man who had been killed) lying on the ground.

Accompanied by a Chinese detective he went back to the Queen's Road Central branch where, witness alleged, the question quoted in the opening paragraph, was put to him by accused. Further hearing was adjourned to Thursday at 2.30 p.m.

AT KOWLOON

JUVENILE SNATCH THIEVES

Wong Fuk-cheung, 23, Cheung Shi-kai, 18, a 13-year-old student, a 14-year-old student and a 10-year-old destitute were charged before Major A. N. Macfadyen yesterday with larceny of \$10 and a bunch of keys and with larceny of a jacket.

It was stated that about 7 p.m. on Saturday the complainant, Ho Ying, spinster, was walking along Jordan Road when the last defendant snatched her handbag. He opened the handbag and threw away \$10 and a bunch of keys which were picked up by the other accused. The complainant apprehended the snatcher who took her to Shanghai Street, near Public Square Street where the third defendant was arrested.

At 2 a.m. on the following morning the two defendants took the Police to Shumshupoo where the others were found sleeping in the street and arrested. At the station they admitted the larceny of a jacket from No. 153, Prince Edward Road.

The first defendant was sentenced to four months' hard

labour, the second accused to six weeks, the third and fourth sentenced to three strokes of the cane, while the last defendant was remanded for a week.

MOTOR TRAGEDY SEQUEL

Hearing was fixed for Jan. 16 by Major A. N. Macfadyen yesterday in the case in which Tang Sang, 30, driver of the Kowloon Bus Co. Ltd., was charged with driving without due care and caution. The charge of manslaughter against defendant was withdrawn yesterday.

The case was the sequel to an accident between the bus and a lorry of the United Delivery Co. in which five Chinese were killed at Castle Peak Road, near the 15-mile post.

Mr. D. B. Evans, appearing for accused, asked his Worship to reduce the bail to \$250 which was granted.

SCHOOLBOY AS COMPLAINANT

An eight-year-old school boy, John Whitefield, of No. 142, Argyle Street, appeared as complainant before Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday when Yim Kam, 21, and Leung Chi-shing, 21, were charged with attempted larceny of a jacket from him.

Prosecuting, Det.-Sgt. W. C. Morrison said that about 10.30 a.m. on Sunday Whitefield took a walk with his sister Yvette on the hillside. They were followed by the two defendants and at the upper path the second accused overtook them and attempted to take the jacket from the boy.

It was alleged that defendant had struck the complainant. Yvette raised the alarm and defendants ran away.

Mr. C. S. Robertson, residing at No. 144, Argyle Street, seeing the incident from his verandah, came down to fetch the children. About 30 minutes later, Mr. Robertson saw the two defendants at Argyle Street. He gave chase and defendants were stopped by two gardeners.

The first defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour, while the second accused, who was additionally charged with breach of a bond and expulsion order, was sentenced to four months' hard labour and to be re-expelled from the Colony.

COOK'S DEATH SEQUEL

Alleged to have killed a cook, Chan Fuk, following a dispute over a game of "tin kau", Yip Hoi, 25, and Leung Po-ling, 20, were charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with murder. Chief Det. Insp. A. E. Carey is in charge of the case.

It was alleged that the deceased went to gamble in the Cheung Kee "tin kau" school at No. 5, Shantung Street on the evening of Dec. 12. An argument arose when the deceased, who was banker at the time, refused to pay 20 cents to a gambler on the ground that he was cheating.

After the game the deceased went to the Lin Heung teahouse, at the junction of Canton Road and Shantung Street where he was attacked by six Chinese with poles and fists.

The following morning about 1 o'clock the deceased was found sitting with his back against a verandah pillar outside No. 538, Shanghai Street in a semi-conscious state by Sergeant Lan Ming who took him to the Kowloon Hospital, where he died about 11 p.m. on Dec. 14 after an operation.

Deceased's liver had been punctured and it was alleged that a triangular file dagger could have been used. The cause of death was shock and haemorrhage from stab wound of liver.

The defendants were arrested, while the other assailants could not be located.

After evidence the hearing was adjourned until tomorrow, afternoon.

CONSPIRACY ALLEGED

Charged before Major Macfadyen yesterday with conspiracy to defraud Yip Cho of \$1,000 in the period between Dec. 30 and Jan. 2 this year, Tsang Shui, 31, tailor, Mok Tsau-sam, 52, Keung Yu-kui, 42, hat-maker, Chu Cheong-to, 23, Li Pak-ying, 56, broker, Yim Shi-plu, 35, and Leung Kwong, 29, married woman, were remanded three days for further inquiries.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser is in charge of the case.

RICE DEALER FINED

Pleading guilty to selling adulterated, or broken, rice at a price higher than the fixed rate, Chan Yau-yam, master of the Mah Fung Lung rice shop at 235 Tam Kung Road, was fined \$100 by Mr. Himsforth yesterday.

Defendant was said to have

COLONY HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the week ended at midnight on Jan. 4:—Cholera, three cases (two deaths); Small-Pox, two cases (one death); Diphtheria, 14 cases (two deaths); Enteric Fever, 10 cases (six deaths); Measles, 18 cases (two deaths); Chicken-Pox, eight cases (one death); Cerebro-Spinal Fever, two cases; Dysentery, 21 cases (15 deaths); Tuberculosis, 183 cases (132 deaths and two imported cases).

DAILY RETURNS

The Returns for the 24 hours ended at midnight on Jan. 8 are as follows:—Diphtheria, three cases; Enteric Fever, four cases; Measles, four cases; Chicken-Pox, three cases; Cerebro-Spinal Fever, one case; Dysentery, eight cases; Tuberculosis, 40 cases.

\$222,000 LOCAL ESTATE

Probate to the will of the late Mr. Wilfred Vincent Miller Koch, who died at Forbes Fraser Hospital, Bath, leaving estate valued at under \$222,400, was granted to Mr. G. C. N. Tinson, solicitor.

Probate to the will of the late Lindley Marcroft Scott, medical doctor, who died at Abbey Hill, Winchester, County of Hants, on Nov. 21, 1939, leaving estate valued at under \$18,500, was granted to Mr. H. J. Armstrong, solicitor, the lawful attorney.

sold the broken rice at \$1 per six cabbages and 12 tael whereas the price for broken rice was fixed at 12 to nine cents per catty.

SENT TO SESSIONS

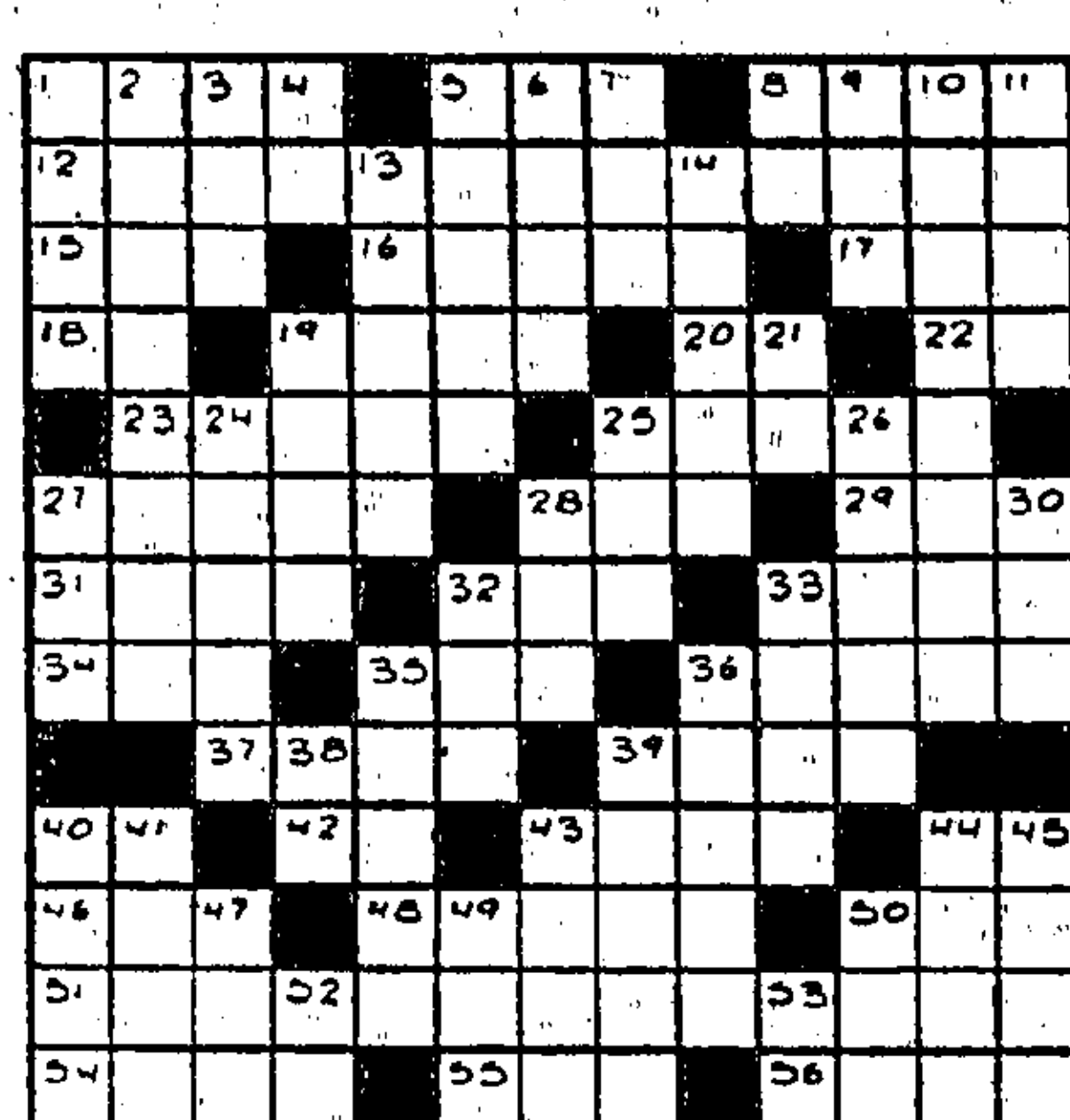
Hearing of the case in which Cheung Wan, 21, was charged with attempted murder, shooting with intent to prevent lawful apprehension; possession of a revolver and six rounds of ammunition and shooting with intent, was concluded before Major Macfadyen yesterday when defendant was committed to the Criminal Sessions.

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- 1 Fortica
- 5 Cloth
- 8 Lose color
- 12 Felicitates
- 15 Native compound
- 16 Harden
- 17 Worm
- 18 Symbol for tellurium
- 19 Priestly caste of Persia
- 20 Greek letter
- 22 Hebrew letter
- 23 Diamas from office
- 25 Boxing contest
- 27 Worship
- 28 Dressed pelt
- 29 Japanese statesman
- 31 Share
- 32 Luck
- 33 Arabian chieftain
- 34 Anglo-Saxon money of account
- 35 Slice
- 36 Eject
- 37 Sound accompanying normal breathing
- 39 Old
- 40 Mother
- 42 Myself
- 43 Scorch
- 44 Aluminium: chemical symbol
- 46 Literary collection
- 48 Blue
- 50 Blind
- 51 Compensation



DOWN

- 1 One of a Gaelic people
- 2 Bull fighter
- 3 Unit
- 4 Symbol for silver
- 5 Wander at will
- 6 Case for small articles
- 7 Murmuring
- 8 Note of the scale
- 9 Dined
- 10 Tyrannical
- 11 Actual being
- 13 Pillage
- 14 One having leprosy
- 19 Greater number
- 21 Pronoun
- 24 Grinding
- 25 Dine
- 26 Sny
- 27 Fuss
- 28 Obese
- 30 Fragment
- 32 Color
- 33 Level
- 35 Unsolved
- 36 Heron
- 38 Part of "to be"
- 39 Pertaining to the ear
- 40 Planet
- 41 Dill
- 43 Lump in throat
- 44 Member of a Japanese race
- 45 Not so much
- 47 Japanese rice paste
- 49 Letter of the alphabet
- 50 Also
- 52 Over
- 53 At home

SOLUTION TOMORROW

Solution No. 799

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LIFE IN GIBRALTAR TODAY

All The Rock's Inhabitants Concentrate On Duty

Gibraltar, guardian of the western approaches to the Mediterranean, stands alert today in a vigil that has not been relaxed night and day since war began, writes C. H. James.

There was a time when, after nearly two centuries of undisturbed peace, it was a fortress only in name; when small boys clambered unheeded over obsolete guns and the ancient walls were breached to make wider cartways. Now all is changed. The fortifications have been strengthened and perfected to meet the fiercer menace of modern warfare; guns of every calibre watch the sky and sea; the large cosmopolitan populace which once pursued a busy life unrestricted by permits and defence regulations has been evacuated.

There are still some few thousands remaining, but the defenders of the Rock far outnumber them. An air of stern resolve has replaced the former careless gaiety of the place.

Spain still provides the bulk of Gibraltar's civilian labour, both male and female; the workers swell the population considerably by day, but all return to La Linea to sleep. Relations between Gibraltar and neighbouring Spain are cordial and it is quite obvious that nobody in Andalusia wants war—in fact the very idea fills them with horror and dismay.

One may still visit the Spanish towns in the neighbourhood, provided one has the right passes, but naturally everybody on the Rock is too busy as a rule for travel, and the numbers who are not large.

With the evacuation of so many non-combatants, the comparative rarity of women is a noticeable feature of life in Gibraltar. Wives and families of servicemen have gone home, and such few English women as remain are engaged in work considered sufficiently important for them to be given an exemption from evacuation.

Nursing sisters come foremost in this category, while some are wives of men serving on the Rock in varying capacities. Some wives who are working long hours yet contrive to do the housekeeping; others are in hotels, but only one hand is required to count their number.

PRICES, SPORT AND THE STAGE
Prices have risen on the Rock, and housekeeping is by no means easy, but there is no shortage of any essentials. Women's personal requirements, however, are difficult to satisfy. Many dress shops have closed down, and feminine needs are not being catered for, so that women are faced either with paying very high prices or going without. In compensation, bargains may be had if a store decides to sell off.

The garrison's off-duty hours are spent in normal ways that appeal to the Briton—in boating, bathing, cricket and football in their season, tennis and squash; they all help to use up the surplus energy which is created by a confined existence. Amateur theatricals provide entertainment in the evenings. With the addition of some professionals who have "joined up" for the duration, a surprisingly high standard is maintained.

Cinemas and cafes are open. A Spanish variety company has been performing at the theatre, while recently a concert party from Madrid, recruited from personnel of the British Embassy, and including Edgar Wallace's son, put on a show which was greatly appreciated by the troops. In these and other ways, every effort is made to relieve the tedium of life in the fortress. There is curfew at 11 p.m., after which only men on duty may be abroad.

There is only one thing that annoys the soldier, and that is that mails sometimes fail to arrive. His feelings can be appreciated, especially at a time when the home country is being subjected to air attack and his nearest and dearest exposed to danger wherever they are. Mail day looms very large in his thoughts.

NOT A LEAFLET BOMBARDMENT
In repelling aerial attacks the Rock's A.A. gunners have achieved very encouraging results, and there is no doubt that the deadliness of the barrage, which they put up, saved the Rock from serious damage in a recent raid, when over 100 bombers launched a daylight attack.

Within their shelters people listened to the roar and crash of bursting bomb and shell, an inferno of sound that doubly echoed off the Rock. When the "All clear" sounded and they emerged they were surprised to see comparatively little damage. A rumour was circulated that leaflets had been dropped; it was afterwards discovered that a regimental office had been hit and the regimental files of one company had been showered over the town!

Auxiliary fire services, a civilian organization, co-operated well in rendering assistance, and the raid was not allowed to interfere with the usual routine. The evening parade and the Ceremony of the Keys was carried out that evening.

Gallant work has been done, too, as part of the usual routine, by the military experts in removing unexploded bombs. Incidentally, one enterprising merchant has been taking in six-pences for the local Spitfire fund by charging to see the track of an unexploded bomb through two ceilings of his storerooms, the projectile finally coming to rest in the floor, out a neat silhouette of its shape sideways as it went.

The Spitfire fund now exceeds £4,000, and in many cases represents monthly contributions of a day's pay from soldiers and sailors as well as civilian workmen. It is hoped that enough will soon have been collected to buy Gibraltar's first Spitfire. As most of the wealthy citizens who used to head subscription lists are away from Gibraltar, this effort, following on contributions of over £1 per head of the population to the general war fund is very creditable.

Both civilian and Army morale is high. The only comment following an alarm one morning recently which sent everyone to cover for half an hour was, "Well, thank goodness the dinner won't be cold today."

ARMY CONFIDENT
The Army is very confident of its ability to deal with any situation which may arise and does not cease to prepare for it. The troops attend to the welfare of the Rock apes, and it was remarked that their morale also apparently remained "unimpaired."

The other evening I watched a famous Scottish regiment carry out the Ceremony of the Keys, a military ritual recalling over two hundred years of history on the Rock. The heartening sound of the pipes echoed through the narrow streets as the Highlanders marched escorting the Keys to Casemates for the symbolic closing of the fortress. Crowds watched them including many Spaniards on their way back to Spain.

Gibraltar lay quiescent, its grim contours softened in the rosy light of the setting sun. Only the pipes could be heard as this Scottish regiment beat the Retreat, the Gates were closed and Key Sergeant was escorted back to Government House to return the Keys to the safe keeping of the Governor.

Algeciras, across the Bay, was already darkening under the shadows of the western hills, and one knew that on both sides of the Bay people were hoping that Nazi wiles would not manage to drag into the maelstrom of war a land that is just recovering from the horrors of civil war and so put back Spain's chances of prosperity for years to come.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The Bardia victory created a good disposition in the Stock Exchange yesterday and despite lack of any widespread turn-over prices generally improved.

Gilt-edged were again bought at high levels while Indian Loans showed substantial gains. Chinese and Egyptian Bonds were better supported. Home Rails were supported and Oils and Rubbers firm. Kaffirs strengthened on Cape and local buying.

Wall Street was quietly steady.

RAUB GOLD MINING CO. REPORT
The Hongkong Stock Exchange yesterday received a cable from Raub, Australian Gold Mining Co., which reads as follows: "Report 537 fine ounces 1860."

FIVE GROUPS OF MISSIONARIES LEAVING JAPAN NEXT SUMMER

TOKYO, Dec. 26.—Five groups of Protestant missionaries plan to leave Japan by next summer, the semi-official Japan Times and Advertiser reported today.

Reasons given for the scheduled departure included the government's regulations regarding receipt of financial support from foreign mission boards, falling health on the part of some missionaries and the education of the children.

The groups reportedly leaving belong to the Canadian Church Mission Society, the Episcopal Mission Society, the American Protestant Episcopal Mission, the Southern Presbyterian Mission and the Seventh Day Adventist Mission.

PROTESTANT BODIES

The newspaper said the 1940 Japan Christian yearbook showed that there were 819 members of the staffs of all Protestant organizations in Japan. Of this total, 113 were expected to leave before the end of the year. The newspaper quoted missionary circles as saying that none of these missionaries were leaving on account of the U. S. government's advice to evacuate. It was recalled that the Japanese had been demanding that heads of boards of foreign missionaries be replaced by Japanese. Last summer, the government decreed that the missions may no longer receive financial support from abroad.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY 7 JAN.				TUESDAY 7 JAN.			
Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Normal	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Normal
Banks				Banks			
\$1380	...	\$1380	...	H.K. Banks	...	\$1375	...
...	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	263	...
...	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	261	...
...	Chartered Banks	...	261	...
...	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	267	...
...	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	210 1/2	...
...	Bank of East Asia	...	75	...
...	N. C. & S. Banks	...	12 ct.	...
Insurance				Insurance			
\$200 1/2	Canton Insurance	...	\$202 1/2	...
\$400	Union Insurance	...	\$410	...
...	Underwriters	...	80 ct.	...
\$160	H.K. Fire	...	\$160	...
...	Shipping	...	...	...
...	Donglases	...	\$135	...
...	Steamships	...	...	...
...	Indo-China (Pac.)	...	\$100	...
...	Indo-China (Def.)	...	\$100	...
...	Shells	...	X.D.	40/0
...	Waterworks	...	\$7	...
...	Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.	...	...	...
...	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	...
...	Providents	...	\$8.80	...
...	H.K. Docks (Old)	...	\$18.60	...
...	H.K. Docks (New)	...	\$18 1/2	...
...	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...
...	Mining	...	...	...
...	Kailans	...	...	...
...	Ranhs	...	7 1/2	...
...	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...
...	Lands, Hotels and Buildings	...	...	...
...	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	\$34	...
...	H.K. Lands	...	...	...
...	Do. 4% Debentures	...	\$34 1/2	...
...	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...
...	H.K. Realities	...	\$3.45	...
...	Humphreys	...	\$7.90	...
...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...
...	Cotton Mills	...	...	...
...	Ewo (S.)	...	...	...
...	S'hai Cottons (S.)	...	\$44 1/2	...
...	Zoong Sings (S.)	...	\$195	...
...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	\$125	...
...	Public Utilities	...	...	...
...	H.K. Tramways	...	\$17.90	...
...	Peak Trams (old)	...	\$7.40	...
...	Peak Trams (new)	...	\$34	...
...	Star Ferries	...	\$81	...
...	Y'mati Ferries	...	\$24 1/2	...
...	China Lights (O.)	...	X.R.	\$5.80
...	China Lights (New)	...	...	...
...	H. B. Electric (Old)	...	\$40.10	...
...	H. B. Electric (New)	...	\$39.85	...
...	Macao Electric (Old)	...	...	...
...	Macao Electric (New)	...	...	...
...	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...
...	Telephones (old)	...	\$25 1/2	...
...	Telephones (new)	...	\$10 1/2	...
...	S'pore Tractions (Ord.)	...	...	...
...	Industrials	...	...	...
...	Cald, Macg. (Ord.)	...	...	...
...	Cald, Macg. (Pref.)	...	...	...
...	Canton Loco	...	75 cts.	...
...	Cementa	...	\$18.60	...
...	H.K. Ropes	...	\$8.10	...
...	H.K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...
...	4% Loan	...	98 1/2	...
...	3 1/2% " (1934)	...	\$84	...
...	3 1/2% " (1940)	...	...	...
...	Miscellaneous	...	...	...
...	Dairy Farms	...	\$18 1/2	...
...	Entertainments	...	\$7	...
...	Constructions (old)	...	\$1.85	...
...	Constructions (new)	...	...	...
...	Lane Crawfords	...	\$7 1/2	...
...	Nanyang Tobacco	...	\$3 1/2	...
...	Sincere	...	\$2.20	...
...	Watsons	...	\$11.20	...
...	Ch. G.S. 1929 \$39.50	...	...	...
...	H.K. Wing On	...	...	...
...	S'hai Wing On	...	...	...
...	Vibro Piling	...	...	...
...	Marmans Inv. (Lon.)	...	...	...
...	Marmans Inv. (H.K.)	...	...	...
...	Wm. Powells	...	\$1.90	...
...	China Lights (Rights)	...	...	...
...	+Sale to Shanghai	...	\$1.17	...

P.A.A. CLIPPER SERVICE TO SINGAPORE SUPPORTED: EARLY APPROVAL URGED

The full backing of the government and business interests in the Philippines has been given to the plan of Pan American Airways to extend its clipper service from Manila to Singapore. The matter is still pending before the civil aeronautics authorities in Washington, reports the Manila Bulletin.

Meanwhile Pan American Airways is working quietly preparing the ground if and when permission is given to run its planes to Singapore.

ROUND TRIP

A. L. Lewis, section maintenance superintendent at Cavite, recently made a round trip to Singapore aboard a chartered KNILM plane to make arrangements for landing facilities and servicing of the clippers when they arrive.

PAA officials at Manila said that they have heard no further information from the head office regarding the proposed Manila-Singapore service. However, recent arrivals from Singapore report that it is generally expected by residents there that the clippers would be calling at that port in January 1941.

APPROVAL URGED

President Quezon in a radio-gram to Resident Commissioner J. M. Elizalde several days ago instructed the commissioner to urge approval of the PAA petition when it comes up before the civil aeronautics authority. The CAA has not set a date for the hearing.

The American Chamber of Commerce has already endorsed the proposed extension of the airline to Singapore. Two weeks ago S.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Jan. 6 (Reuter).

Silver—Market quiet and featureless. Business small.

Spot, 23-3/8d.

Forward, 23-5/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Jan. 6 (Reuter).

Market—Quiet but steady. Off-take 100 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 62-00

Jan. 22 Settlement 61-15

February 61-15

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London Jan. 6 (Reuter).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle

Price, \$254-7/8.

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle

Price, \$259-7/8.

H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934), 94.

H.K. Banks, \$1380.

Hotels, \$350.

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No sleep last night?

TRY "BLACK & WHITE"

THOSE WHO KNOW SAY, IT'S THE SCOTCH

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The market continues steady.

Buyers

Canton Ins., \$202 1/2.

H.K. Fire Ins., \$160.

Wharves, \$93.

Providents, \$580.

Lands, \$3450.

Humphreys, \$7.95.

Star Ferries, \$61.

Yaumati Ferries, \$24.

Electric (O), \$40.25.

Electric (N), \$39.75.

Cements, \$18.60.

Ropes, \$8.

Entertainments, \$7.

Constructions (O), \$1.60.

Sellers

Docks (O), \$19.

Trams, \$18.

Lights X. Rts., \$5.60.

Telephones (O), \$25.75.

Watsons, \$11.70.

Vibro Piling, \$7.70.

Sales

H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934), 94.

H.K. Banks, \$1380.

Hotels, \$350.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1941.

SALES

China Lights (O)	200	\$ 6.55
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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

JANUARY 7, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/4	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 416	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 53 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand 103 1/2	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 89 1/2	
and demand	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 23 3/8	
Credits, 60 days sight 24 1/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 43 3/4	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 101 1/2	
On Manila:—	
On demand 46 3/4	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 149	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz. 23 3/8	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Tuesday, Jan. 7.
The price for Ready Silver was quoted at 23 3/8 and Forward at 23 5/16. Silver advices reported the market as being quiet and featureless. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.
The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/2.

MARKET

Dull
STERLING
There were sellers at 1/23 1/32 January/April, buyers at 1/3 February possibly Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS
No business was reported. Small sellers at 23 11/16 Cash, buyers bidding 23 3/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Business was arranged at 424 1/2. Closed with sellers at 424 1/2, buyers at 425 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Sterling at 3 17/32 and U. S. Dollars at 5 9/16, both sellers for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET
Quiet in the afternoon.

STERLING
There were sellers at 1/23 1/32 January/March, buyers at 1/3 February, probably Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS
Some business was arranged at 23 11/16 for Cash. Closed with sellers at 23 5/8 for Cash, buyers at 23 11/16 Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Sellers at 427, buyers at 428 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Sterling at 3 33/64 and U. S. Dollars at 5 17/32, both sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Jan. 7 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-7/16	0/3-7/16
New York	5-7/16	5-7/16
Japan	23-1/8	23-1/8
India	19	19
Paris	nominal	nominal
Hongkong	22-7/8	22-7/8

Sterling
Spot 0/3-17/32 0/3-1/2
Jan. 0/3-17/32 0/3-1/2
Feb. 0/3-33/64 0/3-31/64

U.S. Dollars
Spot \$5-9/16 \$5-11/32
Jan. 5-9/16 5-11/32
Feb. 5-17/32 5-1/2

Market:—Uncertain.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.
The Equalisation rate was 24 per cent.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Jan. 6 (Reuter).
Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 94-02-0.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Jan. 6 (Reuter).
T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

LONDON GOLD

London, Jan. 6 (Reuter).
Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 188/-

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 30, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER	Previous Close	Dec. 29	Change
	buyers	buyers	
S P O T	37-3/4	37-3/4	unch.
JAN-MARCH	37-5/8	37-5/8	off 1/8
APRIL-JUNE	36-3/8	36-3/8	off 1/8

The market was dull.
The market will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 1941 (New Year's day).

LONDON RUBBER
Previous close Today's close
buyers buyers Change

S P O T	12	Unreceived
JANUARY	12-1/8	
FEBRUARY	12-1/4	
APRIL-JUNE	12-1/4	
JULY-SEPT.	12-1/4	

The market will be closed on January 1, 1941 (New Year's day).
NEW YORK COTTON: The market was firm on price-fixings and on scarcity of contracts. There is general belief that higher prices are necessary to check persistent holdings.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Steady on the strength of the foreign markets.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Trading was on a moderate scale. Sentiment inclines to be slightly bullish.

NOTE: All American markets will remain closed on tomorrow, Jan. 1, 1941 (New Year's day).

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 130.11; Today's close, 131.04; Change, up .97.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Jan. 6, 1941

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.43	10.37	10.40	10.42N	.02 up
New York Rubber, March	20.20	20.10	20.14b	20.18b	.04 up
Chicago Wheat, May	88-1/2	87-3/4	87-3/4	88-1/4	1/2 up
Chicago Corn, May	63-1/2	62-7/8	62-7/8	63-1/4	3/8 up
New York Hides, March	13.92	13.70	13.63	13.70	.07 up
NEW YORK COTTON					
January	10.29 N	10.20b	10.31 N	10.2	.02 up
March	10.40/41	10.37/37	10.42 N	10.2	.02 up
May	10.38/38	10.33/33	10.38/38	10.2	.02 up
July	10.19/19	10.14/15	10.18/18	10.1	off
October	9.58/59	9.54/54	9.59 N	9.5	unch.
December	9.56/56	9.50b	9.53/53	9.3	off
Spot	10.41 N		10.38 N	10.3	off

Total sales Saturday—33,100 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER	March	20.14b/23a	20.14b/18a	20.18b	.04 up
May	19.99/99	20.03/02	20.04b	.05 up	
July (New contract)	19.80b	19.75b/87a	19.85b	.05 up	
September (ditto)	19.68b	19.73a	19.73b	.05 up	

Total sales—230 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

May	87 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	0-1/2 up
July	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	0-1/2 up
September	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	0-1/2 up

Saturday's sales—6,107,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

May	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	0-3/8 up
July	62 1/2	62 1/2	63 b	0-3/8 up
September	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	0-1/4 up

NEW YORK HIDES

March	13.63/63	13.70/70	13.70/70	.07 up
June	13.33b/35a	13.45/42	13.43b/44a	.10 up

Total sales for the day—163 contracts.

NEW YORK COCOA

March	4.98 N	4.96b/5.03a	4.91/91	.07 off
May	5.04 N	5.02b/0.4a	4.97 N	.07 off

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

March	1.99b/2.00a		1.98b/99a	.01 off
May	2.03b/0.4a		2.02b/0.3a	.01 off

Volume of business done—254 lots

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

March	72 1/2	72 1/2	71 1/2	.01 off
May	75 1/2	75 1/2	74 1/2	.00 1/2 off

Volume of business done—44 lots.

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March	11.00b/12a	11.00b/12a	11.12b	.02 up
July	11.15/15	11.00b/17a	11.18/18	.03 up

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(Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 15

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 15

Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924 31

Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924 53

Chartered Bank (Edn) 8 1/2

H.K. & S'hai Bank (Edn) 70

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Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearers) 16 1/2

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red. after 1952) 103 1/2

Defence Loan, 3% 101-1/16

Janton-K'loon Rly. 5% 13

Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1893 (Brit. Issue) 44

Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47 42-47

Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908 45

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912 20 1/2

Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 34

Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers) 10

Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan 47

Honan Rly. 5% 18 1/2

Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue) 15

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Lung T'ing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913 14

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QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

JANUARY 7, 1941.

STOCKS

STOCKS	Last Sale	Jan. 6
Adams Express	7	Jan. 6
Allegheny Steel Co.	24 1/2	34 1/2
Allis Chalmers	36 1/2	32 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	72 1/2	30 1/2
Amer. Can.	9 1/2	24
American Cyanamid B.	38 1/2	38 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	1 1/2	38 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	16 1/2	10 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	19	13 1/2
Amer. Radiator	7	23 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	15 1/2	17 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	43 1/2	6 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	168 1/2	6 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	73 1/2	3 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	6 1/2	16 1/2
Anaconda Copper	27	6 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	19	47 1/2
Aviation Corp.	5 1/2	28 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	18 1/2	31
Baltimore & Ohio	31	15 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	10	11
Barnsdall Oil	9 1/2	22 1/2
Bendix Aviation	34 1/2	5/32
Bethlehem Steel	87 1/2	40 1/2
Bliss & Co.	18 1/2	28 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	17 1/2	28 1/2
Borg-Warner	18 1/2	8 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	24 1/2	4 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	5 1/2	13 1/2
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	34	54 1/2
Case, J.I.	56	54 1/2
Celanese	22 1/2	54 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	42 1/2	10 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	71	33 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	4 1/2	44
Commercial Credit Co.	30 1/2	11
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	13 1/2	77 1/2
Consolidated Edison	22 1/2	11 1/2
Continental Can	32 1/2	8 1/2
Continental Oil	18 1/2	37 1/2
Copperweld Steel	18 1/2	6 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	9 1/2	28 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A"	28 1/2	21 1/2
Deere & Co.	21 1/2	17 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	17 1/2	78 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	78 1/2	10 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	163	35 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	10 1/2	33 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	35 1/2	33
Elec. Autolite	33	4 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	4 1/2	55 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	55 1/2	63 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pf.	63 1/2	32 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	32 1/2	14 1/2
Flintkote	14 1/2	55 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	55 1/2	34 1/2
Gen. Electric	34 1/2	48 1/2
Gen. Motors	48 1/2	14 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	14 1/2	12 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	12 1/2	13 1/2
Gillette Co.	13 1/2	14
Goodrich (B.F.)	14	62 1/2
Goodrich \$5 pf.	62 1/2	19 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	19 1/2	15 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	15 1/2	20 1/2
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	20 1/2	11 1/2
Great Western Sugar	11 1/2	71 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	71 1/2	51 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	51 1/2	24 1/2
Homestake Mining	24 1/2	14 1/2
Int. Nickel	14 1/2	3
Inter. Paper & Power	3	36 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	36 1/2	4 1/2
Kennecott Copper	4 1/2	45
Lakey Foundry & Mac.	45	27 1/2
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	27 1/2	
Lockheed Aircraft		

STOCKS

STOCKS	Last Sale	Jan. 6
Loew's Inc.	34 1/2	18 1/2
Loft Incorporated	18 1/2	32 1/2
Mack Truck Inc.	32 1/2	30 1/2
Martin, Glen L.	30 1/2	24
McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	24	38 1/2
Montgomery Ward	38 1/2	34 1/2
Mt. Airy City Copper Co.	34 1/2	10 1/2
Nat. Dairy Products	10 1/2	23 1/2
National Distillers	23 1/2	17 1/2
National Lead	17 1/2	6 1/2
Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2	6 1/2
National Supply Corp.	6 1/2	14
New York Central	14	3 1/2
Niagara Hudson Power	3 1/2	17
N. American Aviation	17	16 1/2
North American Co.	16 1/2	6 1/2
Northern Pacific	6 1/2	47 1/2
Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	47 1/2	28 1/2
Pacific Gas & Elec.	28 1/2	31
Packard Motors	31	15 1/2
Pan-American Airways	15 1/2	11
Paramount Pictures	11	22 1/2
Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2	5/32
Philadelphia Read. Coal	5/32	40 1/2
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Pullman Inc.	28 1/2	8 1

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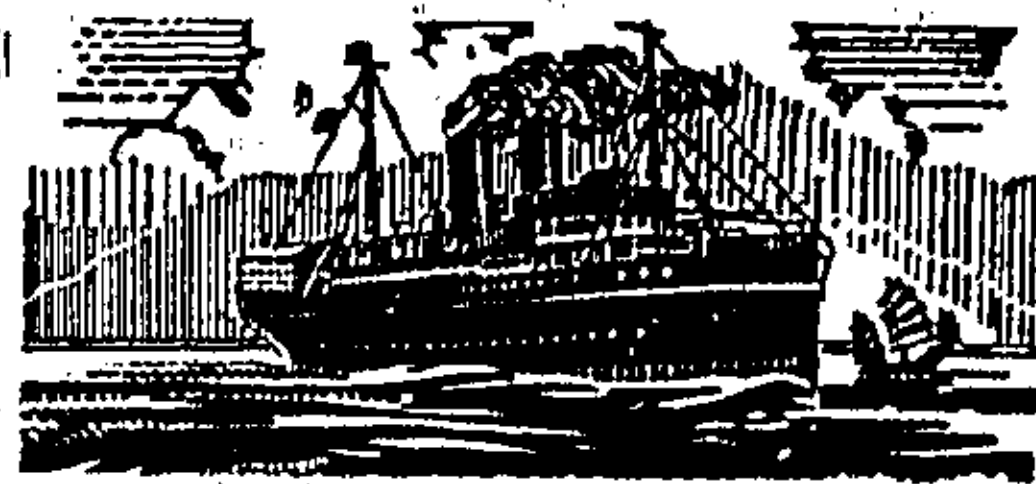
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BRITAIN'S WINTER SHELTER PROBLEM

In normal times the ability to stay out of the hospital throughout the entire six months of any given English Winter is an accomplishment of monumental proportions. Far for the course is about four colds and one bad dose of galloping pneumonia. When war with all its privations and complications is added to the fog, rain and associated natural calamities of this island, it can be seen that the problem is one of considerable importance.

So far the British people have not worried very much about this aspect of life with Herr Hitler. What with fire, bombs and high explosives and the all other ingenious apparatus of sudden death they have not had time to think about the melancholy subtleties of such things as diphtheria or pneumonia.

But government officials who know that health, industrial production and national security are inseparable, are worrying more about this question every wet and misty night.

The broad outlines of the problem are clear. The great majority of the people of this country live in about twenty large urban communities, which are also the main targets for the German bombers. Since at any minute during the fourteen and a half hours of the blackout the homes of these people are liable to be destroyed by high explosives, most of them seek some form of shelter and thus expose themselves to all sorts of natural disasters.

IN THE COLD AND DAMP

The majority of the people of London, for example, are supposed to spend the night in their small steel shelters. These are sunk in the sodden earth of backyards. They are damp, cold and draughty and over a period of time they would defy the strongest constitution plus all the cod-liver oil in the world.

Similarly, the communal shelters of almost every description are a danger to the health of the nation. They are certainly not so cold or damp as the little steel shelters and some of them are sanitary; but most of them are poorly ventilated, unhygienic and definitely unsanitary.

These two factors, exposure and congestion, are only the beginning of the problem. Probably the most important factor is that people are living abnormal lives.

Because of the noise or fear or both, they are not sleeping. Hundreds of thousands of families are broken up and the menfolk, living bachelor lives, are not eating properly and regularly. Even those families that are lucky enough to be together have problems, because often there is no gas or the milk

does not arrive and normal meals cannot be cooked.

The Churchill Government is trying to meet this problem in many ways. It is urging local authorities to improve the ventilation of shelters and spray them daily. It is putting nurses in all the large shelters, and urging people who have colds to wear masks over their faces. At the same time urgent efforts are being made to see that all diseased persons are kept out of the shelters or isolated.

In the government's view the disease most likely to result from people lining up in the rain and spending their nights in this abnormal way is diphtheria, and the outline of the government's shelter health programme recommends that a free inoculation system be introduced.

LAG IN DIRECT ACTION

Some notion of the condition in the shelters can be gained from the action of the government in recent weeks. Lord Horder and his committee on public health under air-raid conditions were appointed on September 14. Lord Horder issued his report four days later.

Despite considerable pressure from some sections of the British press the government "did not publish a word of what he said for two months, and then carefully edited it before it was let out. Speaking this week in the House of Lords on the condition of the shelters, Lord Horder said certain official progress had been made; but he added that it "would be not only foolish but criminal and wrong to say that we are even within sight of a solution to the hygienic problem of shelter life."

This statement, "together with the obviously dangerous conditions that exist in shelters all over London, has alarmed many persons who remember what happened here under more favourable conditions during the influenza epidemic of the World War.

Many members of the medical profession here are outspoken in their fears that epidemics may sweep the country from end to end before Spring. They have reminded the government that industrial workers and even the men

Evacuee Ship Buffeted By Monsoon

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 Captain Harry Manning of the evacuee liner "ss Washington" disclosed upon his arrival here today that his ship encountered a 10-day monsoon on her homeward journey which made most of the evacuees from the Far East seasick.

Manning said in some instances the wind reached a velocity of 70 miles an hour, causing the waves to leap as high as 40 or 50 feet. He said on one occasion he had to be for 12 hours in an effort to avoid the monsoons.

THROWN FROM COTS

The skipper said several of the children and mothers aboard were thrown from their cots onto the deck by violent heavings, but fortunately no one was seriously injured, and the ship was not damaged.

The Washington was the third of the American liners which made a special trip to evacuate women and children in accordance with the request of the state department. The liner carried 1,384 passengers, including 509 children. Fifty of the passengers made the trip all the way to New York.

The common sense of the British people themselves—the safety valve for everything here—is already coming to their rescue. Since the rainy season started more and more of them have been moving indoors.

They have been bracing up one room in a house and sleeping under the kitchen table. It is not safe, they admit, but many of them would rather die in reasonable comfort than pass out in waterlogged, backyard doghouse.—(James B. Reston in Japan Chronicle).

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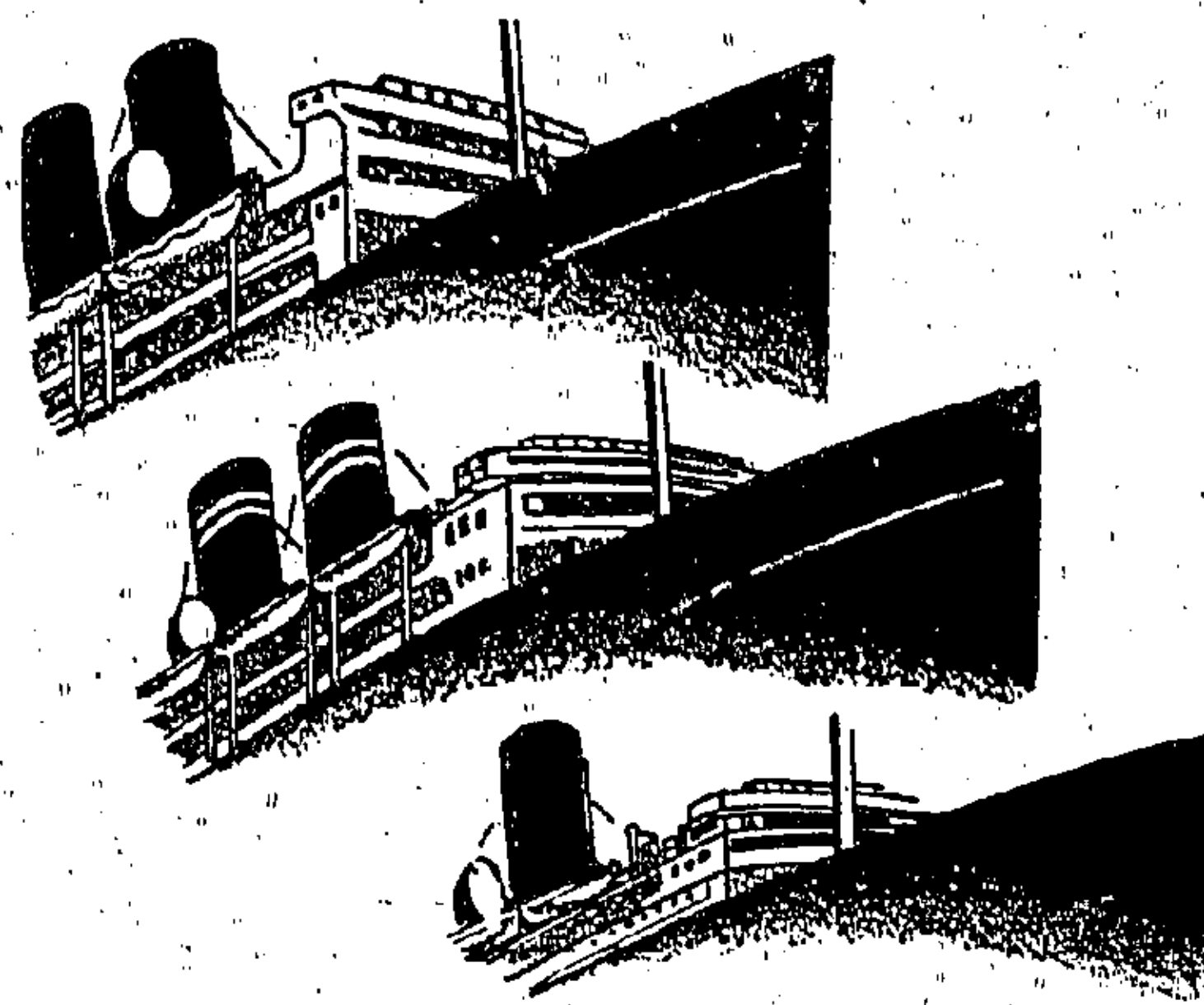
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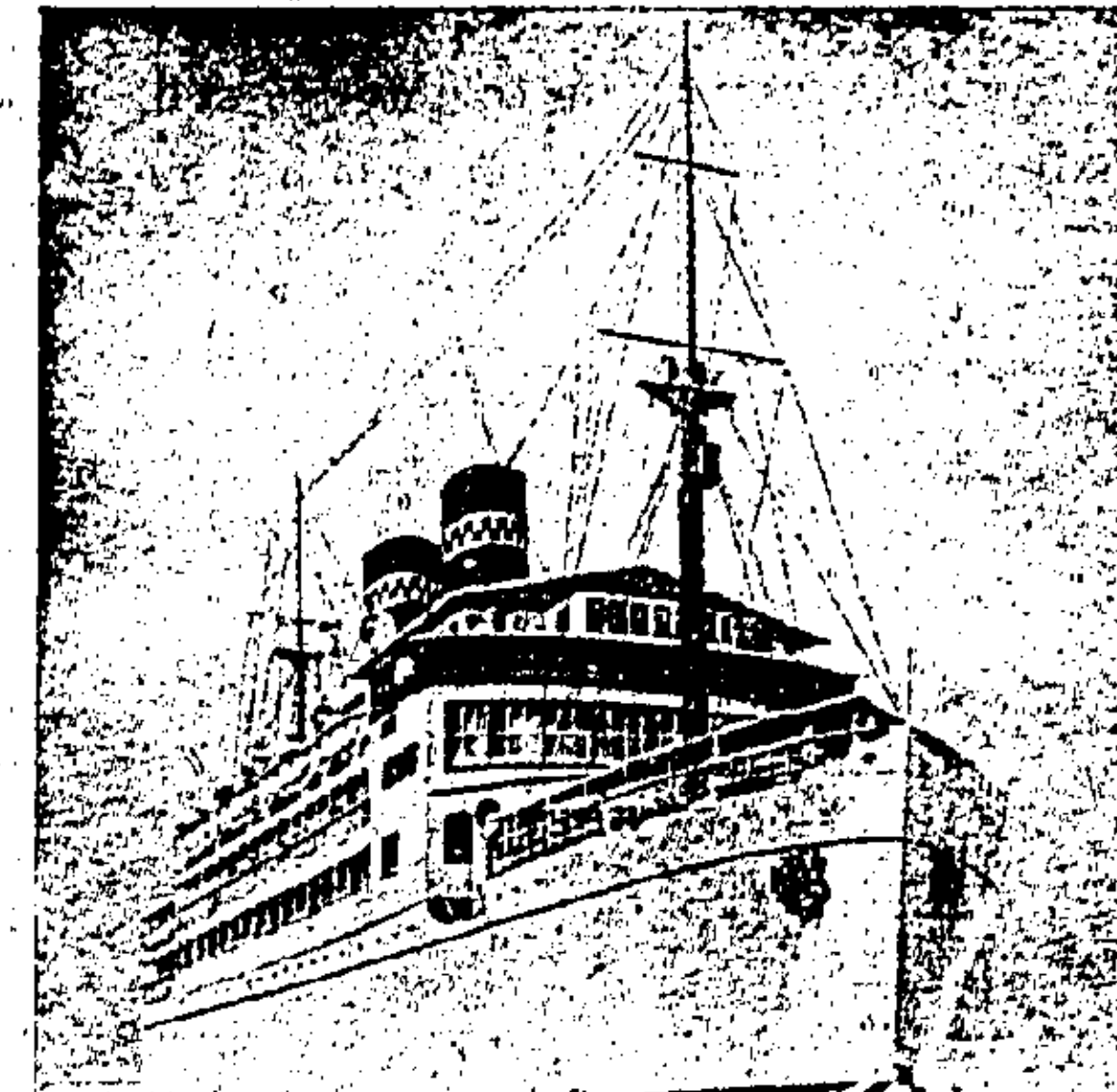
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Hitler Forced To Fight War On Two Fronts

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demand for the release of M. Laval, the latter had not been brought back into the Government. Mr. Bartlett said that the most important men in the Vichy Government now were Admiral Darlan and General Huntziger. Both of them were probably against the handing over of the French Fleet to the Germans and though Admiral Darlan was very anti-British, because the British were compelled to sink a few of his ships. It was not certain that he was not anti-German as well.

The next possible move for Herr Hitler was to try and give Italy direct military help through the Balkans," said Mr. Bartlett. "That might have been an advantage to Italy, because until Italy is wiped out of the war, most of our supplies to the Near East have to go round by the Cape of Good Hope. However, we have now received supplies from an unexpected source on the spot—the tanks, rifles, etc., which have been captured in the Western Desert.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Mr. Bartlett commented next on the possibility of German troops being sent through the Balkans and said that Herr Hitler's first attempt to persuade the Balkan countries to permit this had proved a failure.

CHINESE CHAMBER PETITION

The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce will forward Government with another petition to postpone enforcement of the Immigration Ordinance until Feb. 15 in view of the Chinese New Year festival. This decision was reached at the monthly meeting of Committee members held yesterday afternoon.

It is recalled that the Chinese body presented a petition to the authorities in December, but it was rejected.

Also discussed at the meeting was a motion submitted by a member to suggest Government through the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, to fix a rate for firewood, which prices have been soaring in the last few days.

PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation published in the Government Gazette Extraordinary yesterday brings the Immigration Control Ordinance, 1940, into force on Jan. 14, 1941.

15,000-YEAR-OLD TREE

Australia claims the world's oldest tree. It is known as "Old Peter," and was found in the tropical forest to the north which abounds in strange things.

The age of the plant has been set down at 15,000 years.

"Old Peter" is a giant macramia palm growing on the summit of Tambourine Mountain, in the southeast corner of Queensland. The State which holds it also provides another puzzle for the botanists. It is a group of Antarctic beeches, recently discovered growing on the summit of a peak in the Macpherson Range, one of the highest mountain chains in Queensland.

REMNANTS OF FOREST

The Antarctic beeches are held to be remnants of the forest growths of the last Ice Age and they are said to get their name from the fact that Antarctic explorers have found fossils of the trees amidst the blizzard-swept icy wastes of the Far South.

Today, it appears, the beeches are found growing in only two regions in the world, Queensland, a place of tropic heat, and Tierra del Fuego, where the climate moves to extreme of cold.

Botanists have long puzzled over the presence of the trees in Queensland, and some hold them relics of times when this country was just emerging from the glacial age.

YUNNAN AGAIN BOMBED BY JAPANESE

KUNMING, Jan. 7 (Central).—Continuing their routine bombing operations, six Japanese bombers, escorted by three pursuers, again attacked an undisclosed place in south Yunnan yesterday. They dropped scores of missiles, most of which landed on open fields.

"The Turks made it clear that any uneasy balance in the Balkans would bring them into the war against the disturber," said Mr. Bartlett. "but it is now possible that he may decide to risk this."

Mr. Bartlett expressed the view that these reports of troop movements and so on in the Balkans had to be studied very closely to get at their significance. He felt that if these troop movements had really taken place in the countries named, the reports would not have passed the censorship in the countries from which they came. It was therefore likely that the German Government itself was behind these reports.

"All this shows that the easiest way in which Herr Hitler can give Signor Mussolini help is by air," said Mr. Bartlett. "The presence of German airmen in Italy in large numbers will make a great difference to the British position. There is no use denying that. Italy has been using very poor machines against us, but the German air force is much better and will be more of a nuisance."

TWO-FRONT WAR

That is why the capture of Bardia is so important, because it has turned the Eastern Mediterranean into a British sea and the German point of view must be remembered. Herr Hitler will now be forced to do what he has always wanted to avoid—he will have to fight a war on two fronts.

"On the Near East front he will have difficulty in maintaining his lines of communication, but the German machines will presumably operate from bases in Italy against the Greeks."

To help the Italians in Libya, however, the German planes will have to be sent across the Mediterranean and the British Navy will be more keenly on the watch, especially when they know that Herr Hitler is involved.

"I notice that the Rome radio has been insisting that each of the Axis Powers have an air force strong enough to defeat the British Empire. That, however, will not convince anybody. What is plain is that Herr Hitler is obviously of the opinion that Italy will be lost if she is left alone, otherwise he would not involve himself in a war on two fronts."

1918 SPEECH

Mr. Bartlett went on to give a quotation from a speech which was delivered in 1918. The quotation was: "Let us be proud and satisfied to be allied with 23 nations in the war against Prussian militarism. It must also be a satisfaction to the United States to be fighting side by side with great and mighty England who does not waver. Everybody, however ignorant he may be, knows now that Germany wanted this war and carries it on."

"That speech, as I say," declared Mr. Bartlett, "was given in 1918. Guess who said it?—It was Adolf Hitler's great friend Benito Mussolini."

Mr. Bartlett concluded his talk with a reference to the great fire caused in London a week ago by German raiders, which, he said, had given them a chance to build better offices and wider streets, although the fire itself was terrifying while it lasted.

British Advance Towards Tobruk

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It stated that Marshal Graziani has lost half the guns, lorries and munitions, which were available to the Army in Libya, besides a substantial part of the army itself.

One correspondent says that he saw a whole line of prisoners fall upon the food that was given them as if they had not eaten for days.

From the quiet of Bardia, the Australians can already see the fires which have been started in Tobruk as a result of raids by the R.A.F. These raids are considered to be the preliminary of operations for a more important attack. For nearly 24 hours, waves after waves of British planes dropped tons of high explosive bombs on Tobruk yesterday.

TRIPOLI RAIDED

Another indication that General Wavell does not intend to give the Italians rest is shown in the news that the R.A.F. raided Tripoli yesterday. This port is close to Italy and is a very large town. In the course of the raid several tons of

TURKEY COMBATS RUMOUR-MONGERS

ANKARA, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The National Assembly adjourned for a two months winter recess after approving the Bill prolonging by a year the term service of recruits of 21 and over at present with the colours.

In order to curb activities likely to injure public morale, the Government announced a measure under which defecists and rumour-mongers will be tried by military tribunals without prior reference to civil judiciary. The news of the British victory in Bardia was greeted by the Turks with unconcealed joy and their satisfaction is enhanced by the recollection that it was from Turkey that Italy gained her Libyan possessions.

Newspapers describe General Wavell as "scooping up the Italians with a ladle."

U.S. ARMY PLANES FOR GREECE

Mr. Cordell Hull, U. S. Secretary of State, said that one result of Mr. Roosevelt's speech of more aid for the democracies will be that a number of planes being built for the U. S. Army will be released for Greece, says a London message.

A report from Athens states the Italian position in Tepelini is becoming more difficult because of the continued Greek advance.

STRYCHNINE FOR THE SIGHT

Drs. Clifford P. Seltz (University of Alabama) and Charles M. Rosenthal (Long Island College of Medicine) put men into an "altitude chamber," pumped out some of the air and thus reproduced the atmospheric conditions that prevail in an airplane flying in the higher reaches of the troposphere, which is the fancy name for the aerial dregs that we breathe in the region below the stratosphere. The two investigators found that the "blind area" widens with lack of oxygen. Three drops of strychnine reduced the size of the area, so that vision was improved.

17,500 FEET

Seltz and Rosenthal's experiments were conducted at a theoretical altitude of 17,500 feet, which is less than that from which bombs have sometimes been dropped on German and British towns and at which pursuit planes engage in combat.

So this department wonders if, before rising into the blue on a mission of death and destruction, fliers who are now waging the Battle of Britain, may soon be dropping a little strychnine into their eyes to make sighting of machine guns and bombs easier.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Chinese newspapers here have received a letter from the Nanking "Kuomintang" urging support of the new currency otherwise "drastic measures" are threatened.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1941, 9.30 A.M.

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New Licences will be available at the Government Radio Office, G. P. O. Building, First Floor, on ordinary business days, and will be issued against the receipt of a remittance of \$12.00, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. except on Saturdays when licences will be issued between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Applications may be made:—

- (a) personally.
- (b) by messenger.
- (c) by post.

It is essential under (c) and preferable under (a) and (b) that applications should be accompanied by crossed Cheque payable to Hong Kong Government. The new licence will then be sent by post or messenger as soon as it is ready. Where actual cash is tendered a new licence should be received in exchange before leaving the Licensing Office.

In the case of renewal the old licence should be returned with the application.

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Canton	10th Jan.
Australia and Manila	10th Jan.
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 13th December)	11th Jan.
U.S.A. and Manila—(San Francisco date, 14th December)	11th Jan.
Rabaul and Manila	11th Jan.
Swatow	12th Jan.
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	G.P.O.
	Par. 8th 5.00 PM
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	3.30 PM
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	K.P.O.
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	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
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	Ord. 5.30 PM
MONDAY	Mon. 13th
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Par. 11th 5.00 PM
	Reg. 11th 5.00 PM
	Ord. 13th 8.30 AM
Manila, Rataui, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	3.30 PM
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	3.30 PM
Manila, Madang, Salamaua, & Rabaul	3.30 PM

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